



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
May 2, 2022

VPD Report Number: 22-036007

Date/Time Occurred: 05/01/2022 at 1625 hours

Type of Incident: Structure Fire

Location: 300 Block W. Main St. Visalia, Ca

Name of Business (if applicable):

Décor to Adore
Jimmy John's
Alejandra's Restaurant

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Jessie Hager

56

Yes

Details: This afternoon at approximately 4:25 pm the Visalia Police Department along with the Visalia Fire Department received a report of a dumpster fire located in the alleyway north of 300 of W. Main Street. The fire quickly spread to nearby businesses and police and fire personnel began evacuations. Main Street between Willis and Locust remains closed while fire crews from Tulare County Fire, Cal Fire, City of Tulare Fire Department and the Visalia Fire Department continue to work to extinguish the fire.

The fire is currently being investigated by Visalia Police Department and Visalia Fire Department investigators. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Visalia Police Department at (559)734-8116. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact the Anonymous Tip Line at (559)713-4738.

******UPDATE******

During the investigation of this incident, suspect Jessie Hager, age 56 years old was identified as the person who was responsible for the fire. Suspect Hager was booked on two counts arson of inhabited dwelling, one count of arson of a structure, and one count of arson of property. The investigation will continue, and additional charges will be recommended. The investigation is ongoing, and we are asking for anyone with information to contact Detective Peterson at (559)713-4101. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact the Anonymous Tip Line at (559)713-4738.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/Investigations/Visalia Fire. **Supervisor:** Sergeant Moffett



