



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**June 12, 2022**

**VPD Report Number:** 22-049271

**Date/Time Occurred:** 06/12/22, 1503 hours

**Type of Incident:** PC 451(b) - Arson

**Location:** 1500 block of N. Locust

**Name of Business (if applicable):**

N/A

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Gabriel Hinojos
- 2.
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Yes

**Details:** On 06/12/22 at 1503 hours, patrol officers were dispatched to the 1600 block of N. Locust regarding a stabbing that just occurred. As officers were arriving in the area, they located a male subject bleeding a block away from the reported scene. The subject was identified as Gabriel Hinojos. As officers and medical staff were tending to Hinojos, other officers were flagged down in the 1500 block regarding a structure fire. Officers learned Hinojos was responsible for setting the fire with occupants inside the residence with a possible Molotov cocktail. Hinojos was confronted and stabbed after the residence was set on fire. The investigation is still trying to identify the person responsible for the stabbing of Hinojos. Hinojos was positively identified by witnesses. Visalia PD Detectives responded to take over the investigation and is still on going. Hinojos is being treated for his injuries and will be booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility. Refer All questions to the P.I.O.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol/Property Crimes

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Jake Sorensen

