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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

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VPD Report Number: 22-049271

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

Type of Incident: PC 451(b) – Arson
PC 245- Assault w/ a Deadly Weapon

Location: 1500 block of N. Locust

Name of Business (if applicable):

N/A

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Gabriel Hinojos
2. Ruben Rabadan

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Yes
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.

*****UPDATE*****

Property Crimes Detectives continued the investigation into this incident and were able to identify Ruben Rabadan, 30 years of age, as the individual responsible for the stabbing that occurred following the arson. On 6/15/22, patrol officers located (S) Rabadan in the 1500 block of S. Locust. He was taken into custody without incident and booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/Property Crimes

Supervisor: Sgt. Clay Moffett

