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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
July 17, 2022

VPD Report Number: 22-060648

Date/Time Occurred: 07/17/22 – 0154 Hours

Type of Incident: Negligent Discharge of Firearm

Location: 200 Blk E Houston Ave

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Alaniz, Gabriel
2. Viera, Luis

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Yes
Yes

Details:

On July 17, 2022, at 0154 hours, officers were dispatched to the 200 block of E. Houston Ave regarding shots being fired in the area. As officers arrived on scene, they observed Gabriel Alaniz (30) running northbound across Houston Ave towards Garden St. It was at this time Alaniz fired multiple rounds from a handgun in a northbound direction. He then disobeyed officers' commands and ran back into a residence on the southside of Houston Ave. Officers established a perimeter around the residence and began making announcements into the residence for the occupants to exit.

Luis Viera (31) was contacted on the front porch and would not comply with officers' commands. After a short time, occupants of the residence complied and began exiting the residence. Officers were able to take both suspects into custody without incident. Officers located a firearm in the area where Alaniz was observed firing the weapon. No one was injured during this incident.

Alaniz was arrested for negligent discharge of a firearm, possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, possession of a firearm not registered to him, and resisting arrest. Viera was arrested for unrelated warrants and delaying an investigation. Both individuals were booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol

Supervisor: Sergeant Blake McEwen

