



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**July 13, 2022**

**VPD Report Number:** 22-059285

**Date/Time Occurred:** 7/12/22 11:28 p.m.

**Type of Incident:** Domestic Violence, Child Endangerment, Battery on An Officer, Felony Obstruction/Resisting, Lynching, and Resisting/Obstructing/Delaying

**Location:** 1500 block of S. Garden St.

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

N/A

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Andrew Cruz

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Yes

2. Confidential Victim

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Yes

**Details:** On 7/12/22 at approximately 11:28 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of S. Garden St. for a report of a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, officers learned that suspect Andrew Cruz had assaulted the Confidential Victim and a young child. As officers were attempting to take suspect Cruz into custody, he began to fight with the officers. During the altercation between suspect Cruz and the officers, the Confidential Victim began assaulting one of the officers attempting to take suspect Cruz into custody. Suspect Cruz was able to flee from officers and ran into the residence. Officers arrested the Confidential Victim and gave suspect Cruz verbal commands to exit the residence. Suspect Cruz failed to comply with the commands, and officers entered the residence where Suspect Cruz resisted and assaulted officers once again. Suspect Cruz was arrested and taken to Kaweah Health Medical Center for minor injuries. Suspect Cruz and the Confidential Victim were both transported to Tulare County Pre-Trial where Suspect Cruz was booked for domestic violence, child endangerment, battery on an officer, and felony obstructing/resisting. The Confidential Victim was booked for lynching and resisting/obstructing/delaying an officer. Four officers were injured during this incident.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol

**Supervisor:** Sgt. A. Alvarez

