



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**July 29, 2022**

**VPD Report Number:** 22-061438

**Date/Time Occurred:** 7-18-22

**Type of Incident:** Assault/ Criminal Threats/  
Warrants

**Location:** City of Visalia/ Madera County

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

N/A

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Ventresca, Guido, Giovanni

52

Yes

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**Details:**

On 7-18-22, the Visalia Police Department was contacted regarding an assault and criminal threats report. Officers identified the suspect as Guido Giovanni Ventresca, 52 years of age. (S) Ventresca was wanted on an open 2019 assault case involving the same victim and Violent Crimes Detectives took over the investigation.

Following the 2019 assault, (S) Ventresca fled the State of California, and an Arrest Warrant was issued for him on charges of Assault, False Imprisonment, and Kidnapping. His whereabouts were unknown until he returned to the state and contacted the victim. On 7-20-22, officers were able to locate (S) Ventresca in the City of Visalia, however, he led officers on a pursuit that was eventually terminated in the interest of public safety.

On 7-28-22, Visalia Police Department Violent Crimes Detectives received information that Guido Ventresca was possibly working in a rural area of Madera County. Detectives with the TARGET Task Force were able to locate (S) Ventresca and requested assistance from the Madera County Sheriff's Office. Madera County deputies attempted to contact (S) Ventresca and he fled into the nearby woods to avoid capture. Deputies were ultimately able to take (S)



Ventresca into custody without any further incident. Visalia Police Department Special Enforcement Unit officers transported him back to the City of Visalia and he was turned over to Violent Crimes Detectives for questioning.

Suspect Guido Ventresca was later booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility on charges stemming from the 2019 case, additional warrants, and fresh charges including Assault, Criminal Threats, Felony Evading, and Resisting Arrest.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:**  
V.C./TARGET/S.E.U./Madera County S.O.

**Supervisor:** Sgt. N. Flaws/Sgt. E. Canto

