



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***

**August 12, 2022**

**VPD Report Number:** 22-069105

**Date/Time Occurred:** 8/12/22 1451 hrs.

**Type of Incident:** Unlawful Fire, Resisting Arrest

**Location:** 3600 block S. Mooney Blvd.

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

N/A

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Welch, Christopher

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Yes

2.

**Details:** On 8-12-22 at 2:51 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 3600 block of S. Mooney Blvd. regarding an illegal fire that had been set. While enroute to the location, officers were advised that the fire was spreading to nearby vegetation. Officers arrived on scene and located the male responsible for setting the fire. He was identified as Christopher Welch, 34 years of age.

As officers attempted to arrest (S) Welch, he began to physically fight with them. Officers were ultimately able to take (S) Welch into custody. He was booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility for causing an illegal fire and resisting arrest.

The Visalia Fire Department was able to extinguish the fire prior to it causing any damage to structures.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol/HOPE

**Supervisor:** Sgt. C. Brown

