



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

**August 15, 2022**

**VPD Report Number:** 22-070022

**Date/Time Occurred:** 8/15/2022 1323 hrs.

**Type of Incident:** Carjacking, Robbery, Kidnapping

**Location:** 500 blk. of N. Court

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

Tulare County Area Transit

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Rocha, Annette, Larie

56

Yes

2.

**Details:** On 8-15-2022 at approximately 1:23 p.m., Visalia Police Department officers were dispatched to the 500 block of N. Court regarding a disturbance on a Tulare County Area Transit bus. Officers were advised that a female, later identified as the suspect Annette Rocha (56), was hitting a male passenger on the bus and forcibly took the male's cell phone. The driver of the bus pulled over in the 500 block of N. Court to evacuate the bus and attempt to stop the suspect from attacking the male.

As passengers were attempting to exit, (S) Rocha got into the driver's seat and drove away with passengers still on-board. (S) Rocha drove northbound on Court, where she struck three separate vehicles, causing minor injuries to the passengers on the bus. The bus came to a stop after striking a fence at the corner of Court and Sweet.

As officers contacted (S) Rocha, she armed herself with a small pipe. Officers were able to evacuate the bus of remaining passengers and successfully convinced (S) Rocha to surrender without further incident.

(S) Rocha was arrested and later transported to the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility where she was booked on suspicion of Robbery, Carjacking, Kidnapping, and Hit and Run Causing Injury.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol

**Supervisor:** Sgt. J. Pree

