



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

November 23, 2022

VPD Report Number: 22-100589

Date/Time Occurred: 11-23-2022 / 12:51 p.m.

Type of Incident: Robbery, Felony Failure to Yield, Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Vehicle), and Felony Hit and Run

Location: 2700 block of S. Mooney Blvd
Westbound Highway SR 198

Name of Business (if applicable):

Chase Bank

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Unknown
- 2.

Details: On November 23, 2022, at approximately 12:51 p.m., officers responded to the 2700 block of S. Mooney Blvd. (Chase Bank) for a report of a robbery. Prior to officer's arrival, the victim reported he was walking toward the bank carrying a money bag when an unknown suspect confronted him and forcibly took the money bag from him. The suspect ran to an awaiting vehicle that fled northbound on Mooney Blvd.

During this time a Visalia Police Department motorcycle officer that was a short distance away observed the suspect vehicle traveling northbound on Mooney Blvd. at a high rate of speed. The officer attempted a traffic stop and the suspect vehicle failed to yield as it turned onto westbound Highway SR 198. The suspect vehicle pulled over near the County Center Dr. overpass and as the officer began to contact the suspect vehicle, the vehicle sped off. The officer pursued after the suspect vehicle once again and during the pursuit the suspect vehicle initiated an evasive maneuver with their vehicle, striking the officer. The officer collided with the suspect vehicle which caused the officer to fall off his motorcycle. After the collision with the officer, the suspect vehicle fled the scene at a high rate of speed.

The officer was transported to Kaweah Health Hospital where the officer is being treated for his non-life threatening injuries. The California Highway Patrol responded out to Highway SR 198 to conduct the investigation on the felony



Hit and Run with the officer and suspect vehicle. Violent Crimes Detectives responded out to the scene of the robbery and took over the investigation.

The suspect vehicle is described as a silver four door sedan.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective Norman at (559) 713-4104. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact the Anonymous Tip Line at (559) 713-4738.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/VC/Traffic/CHP

Supervisor: Sgt. A. Alvarez

