



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

April 2, 2023

VPD Report Number: 23-027281

Type of Incident: Resisting Arrest

Date/Time Occurred: April 2, 2023 at 8:33 P.M.

Location: SR 198 and Watson St.

Name of Business (if applicable):

N/A

Suspect:

1. Mathew Santacruz

Age:

23

Arrested:

Yes

Details: On 04/02/2023 at 8:33 P.M., officers attempted contact with Matthew Santacruz at Houston Ave and Burke St. Matthew Santacruz was wanted for multiple violent felonies, all of which occurred in the City of Visalia. Matthew fled from the officers on a bicycle towards SR 198. A California Highway Patrol helicopter was in the area for unrelated traffic and assisted officers in locating Matthew hiding in the center median of SR 198.

Officers approached Matthew on foot and attempted to take him into custody. Matthew fled again on his bicycle into eastbound traffic of SR 198. Matthew was struck by a vehicle and sustained injuries. Occupants of the vehicle which struck Matthew were not injured from the incident.

Matthew was transported to Kaweah Health where he is currently being treated for his injuries.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. R.Meier

