



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

**April 9, 2023**

**VPD Report Number:** 23-029203

**Date/Time Occurred:** April 8, 2023, 9:20 pm

**Type of Incident:** Homicide

**Location:** 300 block of NE Third

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

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Carlos Ayala

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Yes

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**Details:** On April 8, 2023, at 9:20 pm, officers were dispatched to the 300 block of NE Third for shots fired in the area. Officers arrived within one minute of the initial call and located one adult male suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to Kaweah Health Medical Center, but ultimately passed away from his injuries. Responding officers were able to locate suspect Carlos Ayala, 30, a short distance away from the scene of the shooting. The investigation revealed that Ayala's mother had previously been in a disturbance with the victim. Ayala ultimately confronted the victim and shot him multiple times. A firearm believed to be the murder weapon was recovered. Ayala was booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial facility for homicide. The investigation is on-going. Anyone with information is urged to contact Detective Kyle Kalender at (559) 713-4156. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact the Anonymous Tip Line at (559) 713-4738.

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

**Supervisor:** Lt. Mike Verissimo

