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UPDATE: Liquor Store Armed Robbery Leaves Clerk and 16-Year-Old Dead

Around 11 p.m, VPD officers were called to the EZ Mart Liquor Store on Walnut Avenue and Giddings Street for a report of a shooting. When officers arrived, they found a 16-year-old-boy in the parking lot who had been shot. The boy was transported to Kaweah Health where he died.

Officers also found a 20-year-old clerk inside the store who had been shot. He was dead when officers found him.

Violent Crimes Detectives were called out and responded to the scene. During their investigation, detectives found that the 16-year-old boy attempted to rob the store. During the robbery, the clerk and the teenager shot at each other multiple times.

This is an ongoing investigation. Detectives are asking for the public's help for information on this case. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Visalia Police Department at 559-744-8116. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact the anonymous tip line at 559-713-4738.

