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21-Year-Old Arrested After Crashing Car and Fleeing from Police

Around 4:20 this afternoon, a VPD officer attempted to stop a vehicle driving recklessly in the area of Demaree Street and Howard Avenue. The driver, 21-year-old Jose Reyes Valdivia, refused to pull over and led the officer on a short pursuit. The pursuit was terminated at Noble Avenue and Mooney Boulevard for reasons of public safety.

A short time later, officers saw Valdivia speeding northbound on Bridge Street at Acequia Avenue. The suspect lost control of the vehicle and crashed in the area of Bridge Street and Center Avenue.

Valdivia ran from the scene but was caught and arrested by officers.

A records check showed that Valdivia had active warrants for assault with a deadly weapon, felony evading, domestic violence, and resisting arrest.

Valdivia was transported to Kaweah Health Medical Center for minor injuries. Once he is released, he will be booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility for felony evading, resisting arrest, hit and run and driving under the influence.

