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NEWS RELEASE
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15-Year-Old Boy Arrested for EZ-Mart Murder

Yesterday, the Porterville Police Department arrested a 15-year-old boy for a robbery warrant that was associated to a Porterville Police Department case.

The same teenager was wanted by the Visalia Police Department for the homicide that occurred on June 11, 2023, at the EZ-Mart on West Walnut Avenue.

VPD Violent Crimes Detectives interviewed the teenager at the Porterville Police Department.

The 15-year-old boy was arrested and booked for homicide and conspiracy at the Tulare County Juvenile Detention Facility.

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

Around 11 p.m. on June 11, 2023, 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 two teenagers attempted to rob the store. During the robbery, the clerk and the 16-year-old shot at each other multiple times. The other teenager shot at the clerk as well but fled the scene.

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