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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
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### Hit-and-Run Driver Chased by Victim Leads to DUI Arrest

Just before 10:00 a.m., VPD motor officers were dispatched to a hit and run accident that occurred on Highway 198. The victim was following the suspect vehicle and provided officers their direction of travel. Officers found the suspect vehicle in the area of County Center Drive and Caldwell Avenue. After pulling the vehicle over, two men immediately ran out of the vehicle.

Both suspects were caught a short distance from the traffic stop. A 9mm handgun was found inside the vehicle. The driver, 29-year-old Marco Martinez, was arrested for DUI Causing Injury, Resisting Arrest, Felony Hit and Run, Felon in Possession of a loaded firearm, Felon in Possession of Ammunition, and a felony warrant from Lassen County for narcotics sales. He was booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility.

The passenger, 28-year-old Homero Alonso, was extremely intoxicated and uncooperative with officers. Alonso was transported to Kaweah Health by ambulance, where he was cited out.

