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Visalia Man Charged with Holding Woman and 6-year-old Child Hostage with Rifle

Around 10:10 p.m. last night, the Visalia Police Department began receiving 9-1-1 text messages from a woman stating that she and her 6-year-old daughter were being held against their will at their home in the 100 block of West Paradise Avenue. VPD officers immediately responded to the home.

When officers arrived on scene, they were told 46-year-old Aaron Rashad Jones was armed with a rifle. The Visalia PD SWAT Team along with Crisis Negotiators, responded to the scene. After negotiations, the woman and her daughter safely exited the home. A short time later, negotiations were able to convince the suspect to exit the home.

Jones was taken into custody without incident. He was transported and booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility for False Imprisonment and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

