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Cell Phone Leads Officers to Armed Robbery Arrest

Just before 10:00 p.m. last night, VPD officers responded to an armed robbery that had just occurred at Apple Massage on Walnut Avenue. The victims told officers a man with a gun entered the business and demanded money. The suspect left with the cash and other items from the business, including a cell phone.

Officers tracked the cell phone to the city of Hanford. A traffic stop was conducted on Lacey Boulevard, where 39-year-old Raymond Espirito was arrested.

Officers successfully recovered all of the stolen property and money. The handgun Espirito used in the robbery was a replica.

The Violent Crimes Unit was called to assist with the investigation. Espirito was booked for robbery.

