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Driver Arrested After Attempting to Ram VPD Unit

Around 11:30 p.m. last night, a Visalia PD officer initiated a traffic stop on a silver Ford Focus with expired registration near the intersection of Center Avenue and Burke Street in Visalia. The driver failed to yield, leading officers on a pursuit.

The pursuit was terminated for public safety once it entered the downtown area. However, a short time later, the suspect vehicle spotted a VPD patrol unit and attempted to ram it head-on.

The suspect vehicle fled the city northbound on Dinuba Avenue and eventually yielded at Avenue 368 and Road 112. The driver, 38-year-old Jose Freddy Garcia, was taken into custody.

Garcia was booked into the Tulare County Jail for assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, reckless felony evading, and multiple outstanding warrants.

