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VPD Responds to Early Morning Shooting Leaving Victim in Critical Condition, Suspect Arrested

Just before 1 a.m., Visalia PD officers responded to a home in the 2100 block of South Locust Street for the report of an assault with a deadly weapon involving a firearm. Officers arrived on scene and found the victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds inside the residence.

The victim was transported to Kaweah Health and is in critical condition.

The suspect fled the scene, discarded a firearm during the pursuit, and was later arrested.

24-year-old Zachery Ontiveros was booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility for attempted murder.

The Violent Crimes Unit was called out to take over the investigation. Anyone with information is urged to contact Detective Max Navo at (559) 713-4234. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact the anonymous tip line at (559) 713-4738.

