



## VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **VPD Responds to Hostile Suspect Threatening Officers at America's Tire on Mooney Boulevard**

This morning at 6:40 a.m., Visalia PD officers responded to America's Tire on South Mooney Boulevard regarding a suspicious person. Officers were informed that a man had used large river rocks to break the entry door glass and gain access to the business. Upon the arrival of employees, the man became hostile towards them.

Despite attempts to negotiate with the suspect, 37-year-old Paul Hunt, he refused to cooperate and claimed to be armed, threatening to shoot officers. After multiple failed attempts to de-escalate the situation, officers used a Taser to subdue Hunt, taking him into custody safely without any injuries.

Hunt is on Parole for assault with a deadly weapon (PC 245). A parole hold has been placed. Following medical clearance, Hunt will be booked for burglary, vandalism and resisting arrest.

