



## VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***

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### **UPDATE: Elderly Man Dies After Assault by Daughter**

On Tuesday, June 25, 2024, Visalia PD officers were called to the 900 block of North Atwood Street for a report of an assault. When officers arrived on scene, they discovered 90-year-old Don Weerasinghe unconscious and severely bleeding from his head. Officers were told his daughter, 64-year-old Victoria Roberts, had assaulted him with a vase and other objects before stabbing him.

Roberts was arrested at the scene and booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility. Mr. Weerasinghe was transported to Kaweah Health where he remained in critical condition.

Sadly, Mr. Weerasinghe died from his injuries.

Roberts is now facing homicide charges.

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### **Elderly Man Found Unconscious After Assault**

Just before 9:30 p.m. last night, Visalia PD officers were called to the 900 block of North Atwood Street for a report of an assault. When officers arrived on scene, they discovered a 90-year-old man unconscious and suffering from severe head trauma. A 64-year-old woman was arrested at the scene.

The victim was transported to Kaweah Health for treatment of his injuries and remains in critical condition.

The Violent Crimes Unit was called to take over the investigation. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Sergeant Flaws at (559) 713-4092. Anonymous tips can be submitted to the tip line at (559) 713-4738.

