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## Two Men Stabbed at Visalia Rescue Mission; Suspect in Custody

At approximately 5:00 p.m, VPD officers responded to a report of a stabbing at the Visalia Rescue Mission. When officers arrived on scene, they discovered two men with stab wounds. The suspect, 60-year-old Claudio Banderas, was arrested at the scene.

All three individuals, including the victims and the suspect, were transported to Kaweah Health for treatment. One victim is currently in critical condition.

Once Banderas is discharged from the hospital, he will be booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility for attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

