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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
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**UPDATE: Suspect in Airsoft Gun Incident Identified**

The individual involved in the airsoft gun incident has been identified as 21-year-old Edward Woodard. He will be booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility for exposing an imitation firearm in a public place.

**\*\*ORIGINAL RELEASE\*\***

**HAPPENING NOW: Man with Airsoft Gun Arrested Near Willow Glen School**

This morning around 8:15, Visalia PD officers were dispatched to Willow Glen School following reports of a man with an assault rifle.

The school was placed on lockdown, and officers quickly detained the suspect without incident. The lockdown has since been lifted, and there is no ongoing threat to the school.

It has been confirmed that the assault rifle was an airsoft gun.

We appreciate the vigilant citizens who reported the situation and commend our officers for their swift response.

