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HAPPENING OVERNIGHT: Two Arrested After Stolen Vehicle Pursuit and Shooting in Tulare County

Around 8:30 p.m. on Monday, the Tulare County Regional Auto Theft Task Force (TRATT) was tracking a stolen vehicle when the suspects fired multiple rounds in an orchard and Linnell Camp. Fortunately, no victims have been reported from the shooting.

The vehicle then proceeded into Visalia, where officers from the Visalia Police Department attempted a traffic stop at Tulare Avenue and Demaree Street. The vehicle failed to yield, initiating a pursuit.

The chase ended west of Hanford on Highway 198 after officers from the Hanford Police Department successfully deployed spike strips.

During the arrest, one suspect fled on foot, but two of the three occupants were apprehended with the assistance of California Highway Patrol (CHP), Kings County Sheriff's Office, and Hanford PD.

The driver, 19-year-old Anthony Rene Tapia, and a 16-year-old juvenile passenger were taken into custody. The third suspect remains at large.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Visalia Police Department at 559-734-8117.

