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Driver Arrested After Fleeing from Traffic Stop and Crashing in Visalia

At approximately 1:34 a.m. this morning, a Visalia police officer tried to stop a car for failing to stay in its lane near Fairway Street and Caldwell Avenue. The driver, 31-year-old Eli Perkins, refused to pull over and led officers on a brief chase that was terminated for public safety.

Shortly after, officers found the crashed vehicle at Court Street and Whitendale Avenue. Perkins ran on foot but was quickly apprehended while hiding under a car. A loaded firearm was found inside the vehicle. Perkins had a felony no-bail warrant and a misdemeanor DUI warrant.

He was arrested and booked into the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility on charges including felony evading, resisting arrest, hit-and-run, firearm offenses, and his outstanding warrants.

