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Kidnapping/Sexual Assault

Case Number 11-02996

On February 26, 2011 at 6:30 pm a 28 year old mother and her seven year old son were leaving their North Visalia residence. Both victims entered the family vehicle and were backing out of the driveway when they were approached by the suspect, Christopher Frausto DOB 8-13-81. Suspect Frausto displayed a hand gun and forced his way into the vehicle. Suspect Frausto is the ex-husband of the female victim and the father to the male victim. Frausto had recently been released from prison on weapons and drug related charges. Suspect Frausto forced both victims to drive to the Marco Polo Motel in Visalia where all three checked in for the night. During the night the 28 year old female was sexually assaulted by the suspect. The following morning at 7:30 am the female went to the bathroom while the suspect was asleep and climbed out the bathroom window and flagged down a passing motorist. The motorist contacted the police and officers responded to the area. The area was secured and the departments S.W.A.T. Team and Hostage Negotiators responded to the area. At 8:20 am the suspect released the seven year old victim unharmed. During the stand off two rounds were fired by the suspect inside the room possible into a mattress. At 11:12 am the suspect surrenders to police and was taken into custody.

If you have any questions, contact Sergeant Gary Williams at 713-4216.