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NEWS RELEASE
December 6, 2011

VPD Report Number: 11-17587 Date/Time Occurred: 11/30/11 - 1600 hours

Type of Incident: Sexual Assault / Residential Burglary **Location:** Confidential / SW Visalia

Victim or Party: Age:

1. Confidential

2.

3.

Suspect: Age: Arrested:

1. Alvarez, Chris
23
Yes
2.

3.

Details:

On 11/30/11 approximately 1600 hours, a known suspect entered the home of victim confidential after the two exchanged information over a social network application. The suspect arrived at the victim's residence where the victim asked the suspect to leave. The suspect forced his way into the residence where he bound and sexually assaulted the victim. The suspect then began to collect property from the residence. The victim attempted to escape from the residence when he was pepper sprayed by the suspect. The suspect fled the residence with property. An investigation was conducted by members of the Visalia Police Department Violent Crimes Unit and identified the suspect as 23 year old, Christopher Alvarez of Visalia. The suspect was arrested and property belonging to the victim was recovered from Alvarez.

The Visalia Police Department believes this suspect may have committed similar crimes in the past and asks that anyone with information regarding this incident, or any similar incidents, please contact the Visalia Police Department Violent Crimes Unit at 713-4234.





Arresting / Investigating Officer(s): Visalia Police Department Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sergeant Randy Lentzner