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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number: 12-18365 Date/Time Occurred: 12/28/12 0100

Age:

Type of Incident: Officer Involved Shooting Location: Judy/Linwood, Visalia

Victim or Party:

1. Confidential (VPD Officers)

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Suspect: Age: Arrested:

1. Carlson, Stephen 36 Yes

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Details: On 12/27/12 at approx. 2145 hours Visalia Police Officers responded to a residence at Judy & Linwood in regards to a report of a grand theft. On 12/28/12 at approximately 0100 hours officers responded back to the area of Judy & Linwood for reports of shots fired. As officers arrived on scene, shots were fired by the suspect who was at the residence on the southeast corner of Judy & Linwood. Officers attempted to negotiate with the suspect who had retreated into his residence. The suspect eventually came out of his residence but was refusing to cooperate with commands from officers at which time a police K9 was deployed. The suspect retreated back to the proximity of his firearm at which time an officer involved shooting occurred. The suspect was transported to Kaweah Delta Medical Center where he was listed in stable condition.

The Tulare County Sheriff's Office Violent Crimes Unit is handling the officer involved shooting investigation.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Supervisor: Sgt. Lentzner S123