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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
May 16, 2013

VPD Report Number: 13-05835

Date/Time Occurred: May 16th, 2013 at 6:33 AM

Type of Incident: Vehicle Theft / Assault With a
Deadly Weapon / Possession of Methamphetamine /
Resisting a Peace Officer

Location: 4300 Block of W. Mission Ct.

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

1. Bledsaw, Aaron
- 2.
- 3.

Age:

38

Arrested:

Yes

Details: On May 16th, 2013 at 6:33 AM Visalia Dispatchers received a call regarding a vehicle theft that had just occurred. The caller told the dispatcher that he was able to follow his stolen vehicle as it left the area. Dispatchers obtained a stolen vehicle description, and location updates from the caller as he followed the stolen vehicle. Officers located the stolen vehicle as it traveled eastbound Avenue 272, approaching Mooney Boulevard. The suspect attempted to evade officers and drove onto a gravel road north of Avenue 272. The suspect turned around and drove the stolen vehicle southbound towards Avenue 272. The suspect then intentionally drove the stolen vehicle in the direction of a marked patrol car and collided with it. The suspect was ordered out of the vehicle, taken into custody, and subsequently booked at the Tulare County Jail. The officer involved in the traffic collision sustained minor injuries.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/Traffic Division

Supervisor: Sgt. Lentzner

