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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number: 13-14743

Type of Incident: Assault With a Deadly Weapon (firearm) on a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest

Date/Time Occurred: 11/26/13 at 2154 hours

Location: Paradise and Garden

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect: Age: Arrested:

1. Trey Forsythe 26 Yes

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Details: On 11/26/13, an officer from the California Highway Patrol attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle for an equipment violation in the area of Caldwell and Stonebrook in Visalia. Upon doing so the vehicle fled leading the officer on a pursuit through the City of Visalia. During the pursuit the driver, later identified as Trey Forsythe, produced a firearm and fired several shots out of the window at the pursuing officer. Forsythe also tried to cause the officer to crash during this pursuit. After firing the shots at the Officer, Forsythe was able to escape, however his vehicle was located abandoned a few minutes later. Officers from the Visalia Police Department were called to assist in the search for Forsythe. With the assistance of the Visalia Police Department K-9 unit, Forsythe was found hiding in a field near the area where his vehicle was abandoned. The Visalia Police Department's Violent Crimes Unit was called in to assist with the investigation. Forsythe was eventually booked for the above listed charges. The CHP Officer was not injured during the incident.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Det. Ford Supervisor: Sgt. Lentzner

