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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number:	14-09899	Date/Time Occurred:	8/14/14	0836 hours

Type of Incident: Homicide / Assault with a **Location:** 800 block E. Vassar Court

Deadly Weapon

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:	Age:	Arrested:

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Details: On the listed date and time, the Visalia Police Department responded to a 911 call made from a residence regarding a shooting that just occurred. When officers arrived, they located an adult male inside the home suffering from gunshot wounds. Also located was an injured adult female. The male was taken to Kaweah Delta Medical Center and was pronounced deceased a short time later. The female was also taken to KDMC and treated and released for her injuries.

Detectives with the Violent Crimes Unit responded and began their investigation. The preliminary investigation shows the male and female are in a relationship. This morning, an altercation began with the male assaulting the female numerous times. During this assault, the female retrieved a firearm from inside the residence and shot the male multiple times in apparent self-defense. No arrests have been made. This case will be forwarded to the Tulare County District Attorney's Office for review.

The identity of the deceased male is being withheld pending notification of family.

The investigation is continuing. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Visalia Police Department Violent Crimes Unit at 734-8116.



The deceased male has been identified as Albert Pena, 46 years, of Visalia.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD Patrol / Violent Crimes Unit Supervisor: D. Maurice