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Black bear wanders into Visalia

On 10/30/14 at approx. 0455 hours, a Visalia Police Department sergeant on patrol saw a black bear running in the area of Noble and Vista, near Mineral King Elementary School. Additional officers responded and were able to track the animal and contain it in a fenced driveway of an apartment complex in the 3200 block of E. Noble.

Officials with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife were called and responded to the scene. They were able to successfully tranquilize the bear and remove it from the scene.

The bear was not aggressive and was estimated to weigh approx. 150 pounds. There were no injuries to any civilians or police personnel.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife can be reached at their Fresno Regional Office: (559) 243-4005.

