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**VPD Report Number:** NA **Type of Incident:** Distracted Driving Enforcement Detail Date/Time Occurred: 4/14/2016 1200-1400 Location: Mooney / Walnut

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

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**Details:** April is recognized as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. As part of this program, officers from the Visalia Police Department and California Highway Patrol conducted a joint distracted driver enforcement detail this afternoon. Distracted driving, particularly the use of smartphones while driving, has become a significant problem affecting everyone.

Officers from both agencies patrolled near Mooney and Walnut specifically looking for distracted drivers presenting a hazard on the road. The focus of this detail was to improve the safety of our roadways and remind the public of the dangers of distracted driving. (48) drivers were cited today for operating a vehicle while texting or utilizing a cell phone.

The Visalia Police Department will hold additional distracted driving details in the near future aimed at keeping our streets safe.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD Traffic Unit / CHP

Supervisor: Sgt. D. Maurice

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