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NEWS RELEASE
July 26, 2017

VPD Report Number: 17-60634 Date/Time Occurred: July 26, 2017

Type of Incident: Stolen Vehicle Pursuit **Location:** E/B Hwy 198 off ramp at Lovers Lane

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:Age:Arrested:1. Edgar Fernandez28Yes

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Details: On 7/26/17 at 1639 hours, detectives from the Tulare County Regional Auto Theft Task Force (TRATT) located an occupied reported stolen vehicle in the area of Hwy 198 and Ben Maddox. An officer from the Visalia Police Department attempted a traffic stop on the stolen vehicle; however the driver failed to yield. The stolen vehicle exited the eastbound Hwy 198 off ramp at Lovers Lane where it rear ended another vehicle. No injuries were reported. The suspect was later booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility for possession of a stolen vehicle, evading a police officer, and possession of burglary tools.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: TRATT and VPD Patrol

Supervisor: Agent A. Swarthout

