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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number: 21-042104 Date/Time Occurred: 05/23/2021 at 0025 hours

Type of Incident: Attempted Murder Location: Santa Fe Street / Center Ave

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:Age:Arrested:1. Brown, Jontel22Yes

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Details: Last night at approximately 12:25 a.m. the Visalia Police Department responded to a report of a fight near Santa Fe St and Center Ave. in the City of Visalia. Prior to our arrival officers with the California Highway Patrol had arrived on scene and located a subject involved in the incident. The investigation revealed that there had been a fight inside of a business in which a male victim was stabbed. The suspect in that stabbing has been identified as Jontel Brown (22) of Visalia. Following the stabbing a second altercation occurred which resulted in Brown suffering moderate injuries. The victim of the stabbing was transported from the scene by private vehicle, and subsequently located at KHDH. He is being treated for non-life threatening stab wounds. Brown was also transported to KHDH for his injuries and upon release will be booked at the Tulare County Adult Pretrial Facility for attempted murder. The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Visalia Police Department. Those wishing to remain anonymous can call the tip line at (559) 713-4738.

 ${\bf Arresting} \ / \ {\bf Investigating} \ {\bf Officer:} \ {\bf Patrol}$ Supervisor: Sergeant Curtis Brown