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Man Arrested for Breaking into Business and Fighting with Police and K-9

Around 10:00 p.m. last night, VPD Officers were called to a burglary alarm at the Southern Pacific Depot on East Oak Street. Officers were told the business had been broken into earlier in the day but had been cleared and secured by the owner.

When officers arrived on scene, they began checking the inside of the building with a K-9 officer. While inside, they heard a noise in a locked room. Officers made multiple announcements asking the person inside the room to open the door. Officers were able to make entry and found 43year-old John Manuel Sanchez inside. Sanchez began to fight officers as soon as they came in. The K-9 was deployed at this time, and Sanchez began hitting the K-9. The K-9 was able to gain control of the suspect and officers arrested him.

Sanchez was booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility for burglary, resisting arrest, and obstruction of a police K-9 arrest.

