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NEWS RELEASE

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VPD Report Number: 13-02652

Date/Time Occurred: 03/04/2013 0937 hours

Type of Incident: Attempt Carjacking/Trespassing
Arrest

Location: 100 block South Chinowth/200 block North
Carl

Victim or Party:

1. Janice Pipkin
2. Joe Hernandez
3. Zahwah Arreola

Age:

Adult
Adult
Adult

Suspect:

1. Mark Anthony Elizondo
- 2.
- 3.

Age:

22 yrs

Arrested:

Yes on 03/04/13

Details: On 03/04/13 at 0937 hours, the Visalia Police Department responded to the 100 block South Chinowth for an attempt carjacking. As patrol officers began to arrive in the area, the suspect was seen running from the scene. The suspect in this matter, Mark Elizondo was taken into custody without incident. During the course of the investigation, officers discovered that the suspect had attempted to force his way into a second vehicle which was also traveling in the vicinity. Furthermore, officers learned that the suspect had temporarily concealed himself in a yard located in the 200 block North Carl. No injuries to either driver or the homeowner were reported.

The VPD Violent Crimes Unit provided assistance in the criminal investigation. Suspect Mark Elizondo was positively identified by all three victims and subsequently transported to the Tulare County Main Jail.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident they can contact Detective Ken Smythe at 713-4722 or Sergeant Randy Lentzner at 713-4234.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Det. Ken Smythe

Supervisor: Sgt Lentzner S123

