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NEWS RELEASE
May 2, 2013

VPD Report Number: 13-05227

Date/Time Occurred: May 2nd, 2013 at 5:45 PM

Type of Incident: Carjacking / Kidnapping / Assault

Location: Double D Market - 1500 block of West

with a Deadly Weapon

Houston Ave.

Name of Business (if applicable):

Adult Male Victim
Adult Female Victim

Suspect: Age: Arrested:

1. Stephen Durant Weaver 56 Yes

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Details: On May 2nd, 2013 at approximately 5:45 PM the victims drove their white four-door sedan to the Double D market. The male victim exited the vehicle and entered the store while the female remained in the passenger seat of the parked vehicle. Suspect Weaver approached the vehicle, entered through the driver's door, and drove away in the vehicle with the female passenger still inside. The female victim was able to exit the vehicle as it backed out of the parking lot. The female victim was struck by the open vehicle door and knocked to the ground, as the suspect drove away – she sustained minor injuries.

The victims – with the help of witnesses - were able to follow the vehicle to the area of Goshen Ave./Mooney Blvd., where the suspect exited the vehicle, and ran onto the Visalia Country Club golf course. Citizens at the golf course contacted and initially detained the suspect until Visalia Police Department officers arrived. Suspect Weaver was taken into custody and booked at the Tulare County Jail without further incident

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol District 1 **Supervisor:** Sgt. Gauger/Lt. Alvarez