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NEWS RELEASE
May 14, 2014

VPD Report Number: 14-05851 Date/Time Occurred: 5-13-2014, 2329 hrs

Type of Incident: Negligent Discharge of a Firearm **Location:** Buena Vista/Chinowth

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect: Age: Arrested:

1. Michael O'Donnell 51 Yes

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Details: 5-13-2014, at appx 2329 hrs, Ofcrs respond to the area of Buena Vista and Chinowth regarding a man with a gun, who had fired the weapon in the air. Upon arrival, Officers contacted Michael O'Donnell, 51 yrs of Visalia, who had a .22 caliber revolver in his possession. He made statements that he was going to do "Suicide by cop", and that he was going to shoot himself. After a short standoff, O'Donnell dropped his weapon, and was safely taken into custody. (S)O'Donnell was booked into the Tulare County Jail for multiple counts of Negligent Discharge of a Firearm, and other associated charges. No injuries received in this incident.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol Supervisor: Sgt. Pree, S104