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VPD Report Number: 15-09616 Type of Incident: Carjacking/ kidnapping **Date/Time Occurred:** 07/10/2015 0850 hours **Location:** Conyer south of Tulare Avenue

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:	Age:	Arrested:
1. Marquez, Lazarus	21	Yes

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Details: 07/10/2015 at 0940 hours officers make contact with the victim at the Visalia Police Department regarding a carjacking/kidnapping that occurred at 0850 hours this date. The victim reports she was inside her vehicle at her residence waiting to back out of her drive way when she was approached by the listed suspect holding a handgun. The suspect demanded the victim's purse and wallet and then had her move to the back seat of the vehicle. The suspect then drove the victim to the area of Road 140 and Ave 248 where he dropped her off and fled in her vehicle. The victim flagged down a passerby and was transported to the Visalia Police Department. The victim was not injured and the case is under investigation.

If anyone has information regarding this incident, they are urged to contact Detective DeJong at (559) 713-4727 or CrimeStoppers at (559) 498-STOP.

The Violent Crimes Unit conducted a follow up investigation into this incident. The victim's vehicle was recovered on the afternoon of 7/10/15 in the Oildale (Bakersfield) area. The investigation revealed that Suspect Marquez was the suspect in this case.

On 8/14/15 @ approximately 1000 Hours, The Violent Crimes Unit located Suspect Marquez driving a vehicle. During a traffic stop by patrol officers near Court St/Mineral King, Suspect Marquez was arrested without incident. A search



warrant was then conducted at his residence in the 1700 Block of S. Encina. Detectives located evidence believed to link Suspect Marquez to the incident.

Suspect Marquez was interviewed and then booked at Tulare County Pre-Trial Jail for Carjacking and Kidnapping among other charges.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD/Violent Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Kroeze S159

