



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

February 25, 2016

VPD Report Number: 16-02908

Date/Time Occurred: February 24, 2016 2332 hours

Type of Incident: Officer Involved Shooting

Location: 300 block of W. Tulare

Suspect:

1. Troy Cleffman

Age:

52

Arrested:

Yes

Details: On the listed date and time, Visalia Police Department patrol responded to the 300 block of W. Tulare for a report of an agitated male walking near a residence swinging a baseball bat. As officers are on foot checking the area, suspect Troy Cleffman exits his residence and begins yelling at officers. Officers attempt to begin a dialogue with Cleffman. Suspect Cleffman enters his residence after warning officers he was returning with a gun.

A short time later, Cleffman exits the residence and points an object at an officer. An officer fired his handgun striking the suspect one time in the arm. The suspect was then taken into custody and transported to a local hospital for treatment. He remains in police custody. The object was later found to be a large, dark colored machete. The Tulare County Sheriff's Office is handling this officer involved shooting. No officers were injured in the incident. The investigation is continuing.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD Patrol / Violent Crimes Unit **Supervisor:** Sgt. D. Maurice

