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NEWS RELEASE **December 8, 2017**

VPD Report Number: 17-102368 **Date/Time Occurred:** 12/08/17 0130 hours

Type of Incident: Failure to Yield, DUI, Possession of

Methamphetamine, Possession of Stolen Property

Location: Lovers Lane/Hwy 198

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect: Arrested: Age: 1. Jaime Mendes 32 Yes

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> **Details:** On 12/08/17 at 0130 hours, patrol officers attempted to stop a vehicle in the area of Lovers Lane/Hwy 198 for reckless driving. The vehicle failed to yield and drove E/B on Hwy 198. The pursuit continued into the city of Exeter and through the outskirts of Farmersville. Officers were able to deploy a spike strip, which flattened all four tires. The vehicle finally became disabled in the area of Walnut/Divisadero, in Visalia. The driver, (S) Jaime Mendes was taken into custody. He was found to be a wanted parolee. A small amount of methamphetamine was located. The vehicle also had stolen license plates on it.(S) was booked for the above charges, as well as the outstanding parole warrant. No injuries were reported. There was minor damage to an apartment complex sprinkler system that was struck by the (S) when the vehicle finally stopped.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol Supervisor: Sgt. M. Verissimo, S36