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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number: 18-048198

Type of Incident:

Assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, Felony evading, Auto theft, Attempted auto theft, Conspiracy,

and Possession of stolen property.

Date/Time Occurred: 5/31/18 at 0559 hours

Location: 800 blk of S. Linda Vista

Name of Business (if applicable):

| Suspect: | <u>Age:</u> | Arrested: |
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| 1. Alaniz, Jesse | 30 | Yes |
| 2. Ramirez, Manuel | 28 | Yes |
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Details: On 5/31/18 at approximately 0559 hours Visalia Police Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 800 block of S. Linda Vista for a report of an attempted auto theft. While en route to the call units spotted the suspect vehicle in the area of area of Victor and County Center. Officers followed the vehicle into a neighborhood where the suspect vehicle encountered a cul-de-sac and turned around. Upon doing so the driver attempted to ram 2 units who were following the vehicle. At this point a vehicle pursuit was initiated. The pursuit was terminated in the area of Mooney and 272. The pursued vehicle was again spotted in an orchard near Cartmill and Road 132. Officers attempted to catch up to the vehicle and ultimately lost sight of it in the area of Ave 184 and Road 76.

The Tulare County Sheriff's Department advised a short time later that they had located the vehicle in the area of Ave 152 and Road 112 and that the suspects had fled from the vehicle. Units from the Tulare Police Department, and California Highway Patrol responded to assist with the search. During the search one suspect was taken into custody with the assistance of a Tulare Police K-9. The second suspect was located hiding in the area and taken into custody. The suspect vehicle was determined to be a stolen vehicle from the south valley. Members of the Tulare County Reduce Auto Theft Task Force (TRATT) responded and assisted in the investigation. Both suspects were arrested for numerous



charges related to the auto theft, pursuit, and assault with a deadly weapon. S/Alaniz was treated for minor injuries as a result of the K-9. Both suspects were booked into the Tulare County Adult Pre-trial Facility. **Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol Supervisor: Sgt. Curtis Brown