



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**May 26, 2021**

**VPD Report Number:** 21-039047

**Date/Time Occurred:** 5/13/21 0320 hours

**Type of Incident:** Arson, criminal threats, stalking  
arrest

**Location:** 1100 block of W. Seeger

**Name of Business (if applicable):**

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Daren Martinho
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Yes

**Details:** On the listed date and time, the Visalia Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire in the driveway of a residence in the 1100 block of W. Seeger. The fire was determined to be intentionally set. Detectives with the Visalia Police Department arrived on scene and began an arson investigation. During this investigation, detectives learned this same victim had his vehicle's tires slashed in early May. Recently, information was developed linking suspect Daren Martinho to these crimes.

Since the arson incident, Martinho also sent the arson victim several voicemail messages threatening to burn the victim's residence. Martinho was located in Visalia today and arrested without incident. He was booked into the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility for the above listed criminal charges. This investigation is continuing.



**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** VPD Property Crimes/ Visalia  
Fire

**Supervisor:** Sgt. D. Maurice

