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\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\*
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**VPD Report Number:** 21-071588 **Date/Time Occurred:** 08/27/2021 1648 Hours.

**Type of Incident:** Attempt Homicide/Robbery **Location:** 600 W Beech Ave.

## Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:	Age:	Arrested:
1. Male Juvenile	17	Yes
2. Male Juvenile	17	Yes

**Details**: On 8-27-2021 at 4:48 p.m., officers with the Visalia Police Department were dispatched to an assault with a deadly weapon and a man down on Beech Ave. in front of Whitendale Park. Upon arrival, officers located a male suffering from at least one gun shot wound. The victim was transported to Kaweah Health Medical Center for treatment. His condition is not known at this time.

Witnesses in the area provided a suspect vehicle description of a gray sedan fleeing the area. The Violent Crimes Unit responded and took over the investigation.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Violent Crimes Unit at 713-4104.

## \*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

The victim in this case is listed in critical, but stable condition. Violent Crimes Detectives are asking anyone with information about this case to contact them at 713-4104. People can also call the Anonymous Tip-Line at 713-4738.

## \*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

During the investigation, the Violent Crimes Unit learned that the shooting was the result of a robbery. Detectives learned that the victim was robbed at gunpoint while inside his vehicle and parked in the Whitendale Park parking lot. During the robbery, the victim attempted to retrieve his property and was shot by the suspects.



After serving numerous search warrants, the Violent Crimes Unit was able to develop investigative leads in this case. With the assistance of the Special Enforcement Unit, several investigative contacts and follow up investigations were conducted. The investigative contacts resulted in the identification of both juvenile suspects, the recovery of items taken during the robbery, and the recovery of the two firearms believed to have been used in the shooting.

On 10/22/2021, the Violent Crimes Unit obtained arrest warrants for both juvenile suspects.

On 10/29/2021, Youth Service Officers assisted the Violent Crimes Unit in arresting both juvenile suspects without incident. Following the arrest, a search warrant was served at the suspects residence in the 600 block of E Kaweah Ave. During the search, detectives located the gray sedan involved in the shooting.

The juvenile suspects were booked at the Juvenile Detention Facility for attempt homicide, robbery, and conspiracy.

**Supervisor:** Agent Henry Martinez

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Violent Crimes Unit/Special Enforcement Unit/Youth Service Officers

