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Man Arrested After Fleeing Crash and Staging Stolen Vehicle Report

Last night, shortly after 9:30 PM, Visalia PD officers responded to a collision at the intersection of Princeton Court and Divisadero Street, where a vehicle had crashed into a home. The driver fled the scene after the crash.

Minutes later, dispatch received a report of a stolen vehicle from the 1600 block of South Central Street. Officers quickly responded and located 27-year-old Eddie Payan, who matched the description of the driver. He was detained for questioning.

The investigation revealed that Payan was the only person in the vehicle at the time of the crash. After fleeing on foot, he instructed his girlfriend to report the vehicle as stolen.

Payan was arrested and booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility on charges of hit and run.

