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Visalia Police Arrest Drivers in Crackdown on Speeding and Reckless Driving

The Visalia Police Department is increasing efforts to stop dangerous driving and ensure our roads are safe. Drivers who speed, drive under the influence, or engage in reckless behavior will face consequences.

"Speeding is deadly. It's never worth risking your life or the lives of others just for the thrill, the adrenaline, or a few extra seconds on the road," said Sergeant Henry Martinez.

High-Speed Motorcycle Arrest

Last night at 9:17 p.m., a Visalia traffic officer clocked a motorcycle speeding at a shocking 113 MPH southbound on Mooney Boulevard. A traffic stop was made, and 28-year-old Jacob Charest was arrested for Vehicle Code (VC) 23109c (exhibition of speed) and VC 22348 (speeding over the legal limit).

DUI and Loaded Firearm Arrest

Later that night at 11:27 p.m., a traffic stop at Walnut Avenue and Mooney Boulevard led to the arrest of 34-year-old John Pereira. Not only was Pereira driving under the influence (DUI), but he was also caught in possession of a loaded firearm. He was arrested and booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Detention Facility.

Drive Safely—Obey the Law, Save Lives

Speeding, DUI, and reckless driving put everyone at risk. Stay safe, follow the law, and help us prevent accidents before they happen.

