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HAPPENING OVERNIGHT: Man Arrested After Fleeing Police; Gun Recovered

At approximately 1:50 a.m., Visalia Police Department officers responded to reports of a large group near Dinuba Boulevard and Riggins Avenue. As officers arrived, a gray Chevy Silverado fled the area at a high rate of speed, driving recklessly. An officer attempted a traffic stop, but the vehicle failed to yield, leading to a pursuit that ended near Pratt Avenue and Demaree Street.

The driver, 23-year-old Raul Pacheco of Corcoran, was taken into custody without further incident. All occupants of the vehicle were confirmed to be from Corcoran.

In the bed of the truck, officers located several spent shell casings. A firearm was also recovered at the initial location of the pursuit near Dinuba and Riggins.

Pacheco was booked into the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility on multiple charges, including felony evading, driving under the influence, possession of a loaded firearm while under the influence, and possession of a large-capacity magazine.

