



## VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **HAPPENING OVERNIGHT: Teen Driver Taken Into Custody After Fleeing Police and Crashing Vehicle**

Around 11:20 p.m. last night, Visalia Police officers were clearing out a large party in the 4000 block of West Howard Street when a lifted Chevrolet pickup began driving recklessly near a crowd of pedestrians. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver refused to yield.

The pursuit continued until the pickup reached the intersection of Cameron Avenue and Mooney Boulevard, where it collided with another vehicle. Thankfully, everyone involved sustained only minor scrapes and no serious injuries were reported.

The driver, a 16-year-old male, attempted to run away on foot after the crash but was quickly caught. He was arrested and booked into the Tulare County Juvenile Detention Facility on several charges, including felony evading an officer with disregard for public safety, resisting arrest, and driving under the influence.

