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Suspect Caught After Crashing Into Multiple Vehicles and Fleeing Police

Just after 5:30 p.m., Visalia Police Department officers working with the H.O.P.E. team were conducting a retail-theft detail when they saw a vehicle swerving in the 2700 block of West Monte Vista Avenue. The vehicle then crashed into two parked cars and continued driving without stopping.

Officers attempted to pull the driver over, but the vehicle failed to yield. The pursuit continued to Avenue 280 and Road 156 where the suspect ran a red light and collided with another vehicle. The driver then fled on foot but was quickly apprehended by officers.

The driver of the vehicle that was struck suffered non life threatening injuries .

The suspect was identified as 21-year-old Robert Cunningham of Exeter. He was booked into the Pretrial Facility on charges of evading a peace officer (2800.1 CVC), hit and run causing injury (20001 CVC), DUI causing injury (23153(a) CVC), resisting or delaying an officer (148(a) PC), possession of a controlled substance (11350 HS), and driving on a suspended or revoked license (14601 CVC).

