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Man Arrested After Threatening Officers and Attempting Arson

Just after 1:20 p.m., Visalia Police officers were called to the 2000 block of North Burke Street following reports of a man stealing lawn ornaments and swinging a metal pipe. When officers arrived, they found the suspect, 27-year-old Gregorio Juan Julian, holding the pipe. Julian refused multiple commands to drop the weapon. Officers deployed a less-lethal Taser, but it failed to stop him. Julian then began fighting with officers before attempting to run. He was taken into custody a short distance away. During the investigation, officers discovered he had poured lighter fluid in the front yard to seemingly start a fire.

Julian was transported to Kaweah for medical clearance and later booked on charges of PC 69 (resisting an executive officer), PC 594 (vandalism), and attempted arson.

