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Man Arrested After Assaulting Roommate with a Hammer

At approximately 4:40 a.m. this morning, Visalia Police officers responded to a report of an assault with a deadly weapon in the 1700 block of South Central Street. The incident occurred inside a residence and involved two roommates.

As officers arrived in the area, the suspect, identified as 41-year-old Luis Rocha, was observed leaving the scene in a vehicle. Officers initiated a traffic stop, which led to a brief pursuit. Rocha ultimately pulled over and was taken into custody without incident.

The victim, who was struck multiple times in the head with a hammer, was transported to Kaweah Health Medical Center and is currently listed in stable condition.

The Visalia Police Department's Violent Crimes Unit responded to the scene and took over the investigation. Rocha was booked into the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Detention Facility on charges of attempted murder (664/187 PC).

