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Corcoran man arrested on rape charges

Physical evidence led to suspect

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CORCORAN — Corcoran Police have arrested 34-year-old Jairo Peralta on suspicion of

rape of an intoxicated victim, officials said.

Around 11:45 p.m. on Sunday, Corcoran officers were dispatched to a report of a suspicious vehicle. Officials said the caller stated they had observed a red sedan park in the 1400 block of Ottawa Avenue and saw an

adult male exit the vehicle and walk away.

When officers located the vehicle, they said they saw an unconscious woman in the back seat and requested medical assistance due to the woman's apparent level of intoxication.

During the investigation, police said they discovered the woman had been sexually assaulted. Officers continued the investigation and located physical evidence which led to Peralta as the suspect.

Authorities said Peralta was located and placed under arrested

for the charge of rape of an intoxicated victim. He was transported and booked into the Kings County Jail, where he is being held on a bail of \$100,000.



Peralta



California Gov. Gavin Newsom and Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., talk as they assess the damage during the Creek Fire at Pine Ridge Elementary, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020, in Auberry, Calif.

Harris, home in California, gets a look at wildfire damage

KATHLEEN ROMAYNE Associated Press

AUBERRY, Calif. (AP) — Touring wildfire damage Tuesday in her home state, California Sen. Kamala Harris said "ideology should not kick in" when responding to wildfires and the climate crisis, a veiled criticism of President Donald Trump, though she did not say his name.

Harris spoke in front of a charred elementary school playground in the small foothill community of Auberry as ash fell from the sky and a thick smell of smoke hung in the air. Harris was joined by Gov. Gavin Newsom in her first trip to California as the Democratic vice presidential nominee.

It followed a Monday visit from Trump, who touched down for a briefing on the fires near Sacramento. He rejected the scientific consensus that climate change is exacerbating California's wildfires. He has repeatedly sparred with Newsom over the state's response to the fires, but he has never made good on his threats to withhold federal disaster funding.



Mark Johnson, left, unit chief for Cal Fire in Fresno, watches as Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., and California Gov. Gavin Newsom are briefed on the damage during the Creek Fire at Pine Ridge Elementary, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020 in Auberry, Calif.

"The people who are victimized by these, they could care less and their children could care less who they voted for in the last election. This is not a partisan issue," Harris told reporters.

California has already set a record with more than 3 million acres (12,140 square kilometers)

burned so far this year.

The small community where Harris spoke is within the Sierra National Forest, where a fast-moving wildfire was sparked over Labor Day weekend. State fire and forest officials described the status of the fire to Harris and Newsom before they addressed

reporters. Dean Gould, the forest supervisor, told Newsom and Harris that he'd never seen such an aggressive fire in the area.

The two then briefly walked around a burned-out property where a charred truck, a washer and dryer, and a brick chimney remained standing. Harris said such chimneys remind her of tombstones.

Newsom repeated his frequent remark that anyone who denies climate change should come to California. He took a slightly sharper tone than he did with Trump on Monday, when he said the two could "agree to disagree" on climate change while asking the president to respect the difference of opinion.

Harris' return to California marked her first time staying overnight at her Los Angeles home since March, when the pandemic limited travel. She's mostly been staying at her residence in Washington, D.C., though she's ramped up campaign travel in

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Rawhide owners donate \$250K to community

STAFF REPORTS

VISALIA — To commemorate the one-year anniversary of winning the Championship of the California League, the former and current owners of the Visalia Rawhide have jointly contributed \$250,000 to the Visalia Rawhide Charitable Fund at the Central Valley Community Foundation to serve the community where Visalia Rawhide fans live, work, and play.

Two initial grants from this fund will support the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. A \$50,000 grant will give six family resource centers, including the Visalia Family Resource Center, the funds needed to support families with childcare costs, food, distance learning supplies, and other essential services. Family resource centers in Tulare County are experiencing, on average, a 50% increase in the number of calls for assistance, many from families that have never sought help before.

A second \$50,000 grant will help fund The Healthy Harvest Program in Tulare County. The local agriculture industry is essential, and has continued the food production we all rely on. This Healthy Harvest Program expands messaging to the Valley's food production industry about coronavirus safety, provides access to testing, houses workers who need to self-isolate, and provides food and transportation to make quarantine possible. These are essential steps to stop the spread of the virus throughout the community. The program is a partnership with the state's Home for the Harvest Program and brings together state, federal, industry, and philanthropic dollars. Among the agencies that support The Healthy Harvest Program are the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Tulare County, and the Tulare Farm Bureau.

"The Visalia community provided great support over our 18 years with the Rawhide ballclub," said Tom Seidler, former Rawhide co-owner and President of Top of the Third, Inc. "We are excited to have the opportunity to give back to the community during this time of great need, in partnership with the Rawhide and the Sigal family. I can't think of a better way to commemorate the one year anniversary of the Rawhide championship than this effort to help many families in need through these two grants."

"It takes all of us coming together to make a difference in this national crisis," said Sam Sigal, current co-owner of the Rawhide and Vice President of First Pitch Entertainment, LLC. "It is an honor to be supporting our new community in this way. Although professional baseball is in a pause due to the pandemic, we look forward to many enjoyable seasons in the years ahead. For now, the health of the people of Visalia and

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Community Enhancement Fund offers grants for local organizations

STAFF REPORTS

HANFORD — Over the years, grants from the Community Enhancement Fund of the First Presbyterian Church of Hanford have helped many local organizations to meet social and individual needs in the Hanford area. We are pleased to announce that grant funds are once more available.

In prior years, grants have been

awarded to extend respite care for families caring for Alzheimer's patients, provide additional refrigeration for Soup Kitchen supplies, purchase a K-9 dog for law enforcement, provide a mobile shower unit for the homeless, help produce an event that exposes the public to books and encourages children to read.

If your organization needs help

in carrying out a project that is designed to promote human improvement in and around Hanford and (this is critical), if frequent attenders of Hanford First Pres are numbered among your supporters or volunteers, now is the time to pick up an application for a 2020 grant. The forms are available at the office of the First Presbyterian Church, 415 N. Red-

ington Street between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Organizations which have applied in prior years may reapply for consideration for the same or a different one-time need. The deadline for submission is September 30. For clarification, phone Bill Baker at (559) 583-7482.



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