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**LOS ANGELES WOMAN CONVICTED OF DUI, CRIMES AGAINST
POLICE OFFICERS IN VISALIA**

Yesterday in Department 10 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Kathryn Montejano presiding, a Tulare County jury found Tanisha Morgan, age 23, of Los Angeles, guilty of two felony counts of resisting an executive officer using force or violence, one misdemeanor count of driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage with the special allegation of driving with a BAC over .15%, and one misdemeanor count of driving with a BAC over .08% with the special allegation of a BAC over .15%.

On October 12, 2015, in Visalia, Morgan attempted a left turn and hit a curb. Witnesses saw Morgan, who was driving, switch seats with a male passenger. The witnesses reported the incident to 911. Two Visalia Police Department officers responded, and took Morgan in to custody on suspicion of DUI after detecting alcohol and discovering an open bottle of Jameson's. During the arrest, Morgan became combative and attempted to resist, bite, kick, and trip the officers. Morgan continued this behavior during the blood draw process, and attempted to bite one officer's face.

Sentencing is set for October 24, 2017, where Morgan faces up to 3 years, 8 months in prison.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Katie Denson of the Crimes against Police Officers Unit and investigated by the Visalia Police Department.

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