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**Agricultural Crimes Unit  
Informational Bulletin**

April 9, 2018 – April 22, 2018

*North County Activity*

**Cutler-Orosi/Dinuba area:**

**18-04700: Millwood and Boyd Dr., Woodlake**

**Loss: \$1,600.00**

04/09/2018, Deputies were called to the area for a reported theft. The reporting advised two solar panels were installed on the property in a fenced area at this location. Sometime within the last three months, when the property was last checked, subject(s) had stolen the solar panels. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Ag Crimes Detectives at 559-802-9401, **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail [tco@tipnow.com](mailto:tco@tipnow.com)**

**18-04702: Avenue 388 and Road 114, Cutler**

**Loss: \$15,000.00**

04/09/2018, Deputies were called to the area for a reported theft of a tractor. A red 399 Massey Ferguson tractor with a gray stripe, and with a 3-point tandem disc attached is reported stolen from this area where it was last parked at this location on 04/06/2018. The tandem disc is rusty red in color and could only be operated by the hydraulic system on the Massey tractor. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Ag Crimes Detectives at 559-802-9401, **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail [tco@tipnow.com](mailto:tco@tipnow.com)**

**18-04761: Avenue 424 and Road 100, Sultana**

**Loss: \$6,000.00**

04/10/2018, Deputies responded to the area for a reported theft of an ATV. Reported stolen from the property was a 2015 Honda 475, red in color, 4x4. VIN #: 1HFVE0300F4007363. The ATV was last seen on 4/3/18, when it was last used. Anyone with information regarding the crime is asked to contact Det. Joe Armstrong at 559-802-9401, or [JArmstrong@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:JArmstrong@co.tulare.ca.us).

**Headquarters (Visalia/Tulare/Exeter) area:**

**Visalia Substation area:**

**18-04741: Hwy 198 and Road 196, Exeter**

**Loss: \$3,900.00**

04/09/2018, Deputies were called to this property for a reported theft of bees. The reporting party advised approximately (13) colonies of bees are missing from this area. Each colony as 3-5 boxes of bees. All bee boxes were branded with "GVA" or "GVA\_DN." Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Ag Crimes Detectives at 559-802-9401, **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail [tcs0@tipnow.com](mailto:tcs0@tipnow.com)**

**18-04960: 35000 Block of Milwood Dr., Woodlake**

**Loss: \$6,535.00**

04/14/2018, Deputies were dispatched to the area for a reported theft. The reporting party advised unknown persons entered the property between 04/11/18 and 04/14/2018, where they broke into a work shop. The items reported stolen were the following: (2) Honda 2-wheel 1960's model; (1) Honda Four wheeler 250; (1) Honda 110 motorcycle with white lettering "Honda" written on the side; (1) Miller MIG welder; (1) Mekara hand angle grinder; and (1) Lincoln stick welder. Shoe tracks were located in the area of the crime. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Ag Crimes Detectives at 559-802-9401, **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail [tcs0@tipnow.com](mailto:tcs0@tipnow.com)**

**South County Activity:**

**Porterville Substation area:**

**18-04704: Avenue 24 and Road 156, Earlimart**

**Loss: \$4,114.00**

04/09/2018, Deputies were called to the area for a theft report. The reporting party advised between 04/06/2018 and 04/09/2018, (242) 3.5" brass irrigation valves were stolen throughout vineyards. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact the following Detectives:

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**18-04706: Avenue 24 and Road 208, Richgrove**

**Loss: \$17,000.00**

04/09/2018, Deputies were called to the area for a theft report. The reporting party advised between September 2017 and April 2018, (495) Waterman's 3.5" brass T-valve stems and covers, and (215) Waterman's 4" brass T-valve stems and covers were stolen throughout vineyards. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact the following Detectives:

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**18-04726: Avenue 24 and Road 192, Richgrove**

**Loss: \$2,300.00**

04/09/2017, Deputies were dispatched for a theft report. Deputies were advised between 4/5/18 and 4/6/18, unknown persons entered the property and stole a black copper/brass heat exchanger, approximately three feet in length by six inches in diameter. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Ag Crimes Detectives at 559-802-9401, **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail [tcsso@tipnow.com](mailto:tcsso@tipnow.com)**

**18-04939: County Line and Road 192, Richgrove**

**Loss: \$1,650.00**

04/13/2018, Deputies were called for a reported theft from storage containers. The reporting party stated when he checked the storage containers one container was missing a lock, and observed a different lock on another container. After cutting the lock and making entry the following items were found to have been stolen. (2) Chrome strapping machines; (1) box of large white cotton gloves; (3) red Milwaukee brand grinders; and (5) yellow 100-ft. extension cords. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Ag Crimes Detectives at 559-802-9401, **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail [tcsso@tipnow.com](mailto:tcsso@tipnow.com)**

**18-05068: Avenue 72 and Road 240, Terra Bella**

**Loss: \$2,880.00**

04/16/2018, Deputies were dispatched for a reported theft of oranges. The reporting party advised workers observed a suspicious Dodge Ram, grey/blue in color, with two male adults, in the orange orchard. The vehicle left the orchard and the workers located a pile of oranges where the truck had been stopped. The reporting party advised since March 2018, several piles and/or bags of oranges have been found within the orchard on different occasions. The estimated loss of picked oranges is approximately 12 bins worth. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Ag Crimes Detectives at 559-802-9401, or **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail [tcsso@tipnow.com](mailto:tcsso@tipnow.com)**

**18-05148: Avenue 56 and Road 208, Richgrove**

**Loss: \$2,940.00**

04/18/2018, Deputies were dispatched to the area for a reported theft. The reporting party advised performing maintenance on the vineyard irrigation system and observed missing irrigation valve covers. Approximately (105) valve covers were stolen. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact the following Detectives:

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**Pixley Substation area:**

**18-04712: Avenue 48 and Road 120, Earlimart**

**Loss: \$8,000.00**

04/09/18, Deputies were called to the area for a reported theft. The reporting party advised deputies (320) Fresno brass water valves 3.5 inches were stolen from the vineyards. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact the following Detectives:

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**18-04717: South Main Street, Pixley**

**Loss: \$7,686.60**

04/09/2018, Deputies responded to the business for a reported theft. The reporting party advised a chain link fence, and the door to a storage trailer had been damaged. The following items were reported stolen from the property: 500 ft. spool of 2/0 welding cable; 500 ft. spool of 1/0 welding cable; 250 ft. spool of 4 gal. welding cable; 250 ft. spool 2 gal. welding cable; 200 6-ft. T-Post; (1) "Pixley Auto Parts" sign. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Randy Gunderman at 559-802-9401, or [RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us)

**18-04724: Avenue 72 and Road 120, Earlimart**

**Loss and Damages: \$1,515.00**

04/09/2018, Deputies responded to the area for a reported theft and damages. The reporting party advised between 04/04/18 and 04/09/2018, (3) brass T-valves were stolen, and damages to several PVC connectors were damaged in the orchard. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact the following Detectives:

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**18-04778: County Line and Road 40, Alpaugh**

**Loss: \$3,200.00**

04/10/2018, Deputies were dispatched and met with the reporting party who stated suspect(s) entered the property and stole approximately 15-feet of heavy gauge electrical wired from a junction box on the property; (4) bearings to a water well pipe drill, and a (20-foot) section of a water well drill. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact AG Crimes Detectives at 559-802-9401, **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail [tcso@tipnow.com](mailto:tcso@tipnow.com)**

**18-05004: Avenue 96 and Road 96, Pixley**

**Loss: \$14,000.00**

The Kubota was similar to the model below but had a windshield



04/15/2018, Deputies were dispatched to the area for a reported theft of a Kubota RTV. The reporting party stated a Kubota RTV, orange in color, RTV-X900G-H, Serial # 37134 was stolen from the property of a dairy. Surveillance video showed a minivan drive into the back of the property, a passenger exits the vehicle and walks into a breezeway of the barn. The minivan was seen driving away from the property, and the unknown passenger is seen on the Kubota driving away from the barn behind the van where both traveled eastbound on Avenue 96. Tire tracks were located in the area. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Randy Gunderman at 559-802-9401, or [RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us)

**18-05043: Avenue 56 and Road 128, Pixley**

**Loss: \$8,000.00**

04/16/2018, Deputies were dispatched to this area for a reported theft of T-valve stems. The reporting party advised over the past three weeks he has noticed brass irrigation parts to be missing, which had not been reported. On today's date, the reporting party was advised by his employee that approximately (160) T-valve stems were missing from the vineyards. After learning of neighboring farmers with similar thefts, today's theft was reported. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact the following Detectives:

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**18-05093: Avenue 56 and Road 140, Earlimart**

**Loss: \$7,200.00**

04/17/2018, Deputies were called to the area for a reported theft of T-valve stems. The reporting party advised after checking his properties it was found that approximately (360) brass Waterman and/or Highland T-valve stems were stolen from several vineyard locations. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact the following Detectives:

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