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## **Agricultural Crimes Unit Informational Bulletin**

**November 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020**

### Recoveries:

**Case No.:** 20-13998  
**Location:** 19700 block of Road 168, Strathmore  
**Loss/Recovery:** \$9,100.00 / \$5,000.00

11/09/2020, Deputies were called to the area regarding a commercial burglary where several sea trains had been entered and the locks were cut. The reporting party stated it is unsure what exactly was taken from the sea trains, but that a large paint stripper that had been chained to a pole had been taken. As deputies conducted their investigation it was determined that a black, "Big Tex", 20 foot, single axle trailer with CA license 4PJ3078, and a 2016 Chevy work truck with a large compressor attached had also been stolen.

Video surveillance was viewed and it was determined that a red four door Toyota Tacoma with black rims had entered the property. A male subject wearing all black with a hooded sweater with "COOKIES" on the back and face mask had exited the Tacoma and was seen walking the property. The stolen paint stripper is then loaded into the back of the Tacoma and the male attached the "Big Tex" trailer to the Tacoma and begins to pull away. The male is then seen unhitching the trailer and attaching it to the Chevy work truck and then drives the Tacoma onto the trailer and drives away.

The reporting party informed deputies that the "Bix Tex" trailer was equipped with GPS tracking which was later located by deputies a short time later and returned to the reporting party. The Toyota Tacoma was determined to be reported stolen from the city of Porterville. Anyone with information regarding the crime is asked to contact Ag Detective 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)**

### North County Activity

#### Visalia Headquarters:

**Case No.:** 20-13897  
**Location:** 20000 block of Avenue 204, Exeter  
**Loss:** \$5,000.00

11/06/2020, Deputies were called to the area in regards to unknown subjects stealing Pomelo fruit from the reporting party's property. The reporting party stated in the past unknown subjects would stand on the corners with flower and appear to be selling them, as other subjects were in the field stealing fruit. Tire and shoe tracks, a rose petal, an eaten Pomelo, and human feces were located at the scene. Photographs were taken of the area. Anyone with information regarding the crime is asked to contact an Ag Detective Conrad 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)**

**Case No.:** 20-13870  
**Location:** 12400 block of South Academy, Dinuba  
**Loss:** \$20,000.00

11/05/2020, Reporting party informed deputies that he had recently fired an employee for embezzling approximately \$20,000.00 from the business. He stated this employee set up direct deposits to fictitious accounts at a credit union under two other individual's names (who did not work for the business) in which this employee had access to. Anyone with information regarding the crime is asked to contact an Ag Detective Conrad 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)**

**Case No.:** 20-13992  
**Location:** 16500 block of Avenue 296, Visalia  
**Loss:** \$45,000.00

11/09/2020, Deputies responded to the above mentioned located in regards to a stolen 2010 green John Deere tractor (Model #5115ML, Serial #1LV5115MCEJ683304). The reporting party provided surveillance video showing a tractor pulling a trailer heading east into the almond groves. He stated this morning he located the trailer just north of his property on top of a canal overpass. Deputies could not locate any other tire or shoe tracks besides the tractor and trailer tracks. Photographs were taken of the scene. Anyone with information regarding the crime is asked to contact Ag Detective 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)**

**Case No.:** 20-14248  
**Location:** 21200 block of Turner Drive, Tulare  
**Loss:** 30,600.00

11/16/2020, Reporting party advised deputies that unknown subject(s) came onto the property over the weekend and had stolen (1) Orange and black 2015 Kobuta RTV (Serial #25227, model 900, VIN#BTVX900WL-H), (1) Orange and black 2012 Kobuta RTV (Unknown serial #, model 900, Unknown VIN #), and (1) Honda water pump with motor. The reporting party stated there were no surveillance cameras on the property. Deputies located shoe tracks in the dirt near the storage containers and photographs were taken. Anyone with information regarding the crime is asked to contact Ag Detective Conrad 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)**

**Case No.:** 20-14800  
**Location:** 19600 block of Avenue 300, Exeter  
**Loss:** \$15,000.00

11/30/2020, Deputies were called to the area in regards to the theft of (1) trailer with (2) portable toilets and (32) ladders and another trailer with (23) ladders. Photographs were taken of the scene. No evidence was located due to the weather conditions and moisture. Anyone with information regarding the crime is asked to contact Ag Detective 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)**

### **Orosi Substation:**

**No Crimes Reported**

## South County Activity

### Porterville Substation:

**Case No.:** 20-13932  
**Location:** 18800 block of Road 244  
**Loss:** Unknown

11/07/2020, Deputies were called to the area regarding unknown subject(s) in a white, newer model pickup truck with tinted windows and an attached trailer to have dumped (4) deceased young cattle on the property. Photographs were taken of the area surrounding the deceased cattle. The cattle had no identifying labels or brands to positively identify ownership. Anyone with information regarding the crime is asked to contact Ag Detective Conrad 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)**

**Case No.:** 20-14033  
**Location:** 12700 block of Highway 65/Teapot Dome, Porterville  
**Loss:** \$40,000.00

11/10/2020, Deputies responded to a call regarding the theft of a green diesel engine from a windmill. The reporting party informed deputies that the engine is heavy and only a hydraulic lift could pick up the engine. Deputies checked the area and could not locate any tire or shoe tracks. No surveillance video was located in the area. Anyone with information regarding the crime is asked to contact Ag Detective Conrad 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)**

**Case No.:** 20-14126  
**Location:** Avenue 272 and Road 138, Porterville  
**Loss:** \$1,350.00

11/13/2020, Reporting party stated that unknown subjects entered his property and had stolen California Surprise brand avocados from inside his orchard. The reporting party informed deputies that there was a Spy brand Trail camera secured to the top of one of the avocado trees that had captured still shots of an unknown white Honda Civic on his property, which four unknown male subjects exited the vehicle and appear to approach the avocado orchard. The reporting party stated the unknown males were in the grove an unknown amount of time and then photographs later captured them entering the Honda Civic and leave the property. A couple hours later a 90's model, dark gray, Ford F-150 was captured parked in the same location as the Honda Civic with similar looking subjects entering the grove. Shoe impressions, tire tracks and a partial latent fingerprint were located at the scene and photographs. Anyone with information regarding the crime is asked to contact Ag Detective Conrad 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)**

**Case No.:** 20-14808  
**Location:** 18900 block of Avenue 152, Poplar  
**Loss:** \$41,000.00

11/30/2020, Deputies were called to the area regarding the theft of (1) orange open station Kubota model M105 tractor with aftermarket LED lights and (1) green AMC brand weed sprayer with boom and a three hundred gallon white plastic tank. Shoe and tire tracks were located at the scene. Photographs were also taken. No surveillance video located in the area. Anyone with information regarding the crime is asked to contact Ag Detective Verhoeven 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)**

Pixley Substation:

**Case No.:** 20-14015  
**Location:** Road 88 and Deer Creek Avenue, Pixley  
**Loss:** \$15,000.00

11/09/2020, Deputies responded to a call regarding the theft of (1) green, 2019 John Deere Gator (Model #HPX815E, VIN #1M0815EACKM020828). The reporting party stated (3) unknown male subjects on (2) quads and (1) dirt bike drove onto the property. (1) male subject got off the quad and into the Gator. The Gator was equipped with a GPS tracker which had been disconnected approximately 12 minutes after it was stolen. Tire and shoe tracks were located and photographed. Anyone with information regarding the crime is asked to contact an Ag 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)**

**Case No.:** 20-14620  
**Location:** 1600 block of Road 40, Alpaugh  
**Loss:** \$98,000.00

11/25/2020, Reporting party informed deputies of the theft of (1) Red Case 120C tractor (Serial #HLRFC120JLJF15233). Deputies canvassed the area and located tire tracks, but were unable to locate the tractor. Photographs were taken at the scene. No surveillance video was located in the area. Anyone with information regarding the crime is asked to contact Ag Detective 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)**

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