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## **Agricultural Crimes Unit Informational Bulletin**

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### **RECOVERIES and ARRESTS**

#### **Case 17-01839: Road 176 and Avenue 200, Lindsay**

#### **Recovery: \$50,000.00**

Detectives from the Sheriff's office Agriculture Crimes Unit were dispatched to the scene and learned of security surveillance. The suspect(s) in the security surveillance video was said to resemble a male subject captured during a burglary last week in the Three Rivers area. The Deputy was contacted to gain further information and advised who he believed were possibly involved. The suspect signed a permission to search form and Detectives located stolen property within a barn east of the residence. The property was later identified by the victims who retained possession of the property. Reported property recovered were (1) 2010 Ford F350, Miller Welder, plasma cutter, industrial size heater, numerous hand and power tools and a motorcycle. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Kenny Jones at [KJones1@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:KJones1@co.tulare.ca.us) or at 559-735-1853, regarding case 17-1254



**Case 17-01793: Young Road and Avenue 32, Allensworth**

**Recovery: \$70,000.00**

2/12/2017, Deputies responded to a recovery of a green John Deere tractor. The reporting party advised unknown suspect(s) were seen on a running tractor and when acknowledged left running on foot to a grey Chrysler 300, stock with tinted windows all around. The owner was identified and took possession of the John Deere tractor. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Randy Gunderman at [RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us) or at 559-735-1853.



**Case 17-01770: Road 128 and Avenue 24, Earlimart**

**Recovery: \$40,000.00**

2/11/2017, Deputies responded to a theft and recovery of a John Deere tractor, attached water tank, and water pump. The reporting party advised unknown suspect(s) left tractor stuck in the mud and removed the water pump. Deputies followed shoe tracks, which lead them to the suspect and located the water pump. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact TCSO Ag Crimes Detectives at 735-1853 or at **Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194**, or by e-mail [tcsso@tipnow.com](mailto:tcsso@tipnow.com).

**Case 17-01897: Road 140 and Avenue 392, Cutler**

**Recovery: \$300.00**

2/14/2017, Deputies responded to a reported theft and recovery of mandarin oranges. The reporting party advised after checking the grove it was discovered, (6) small black plastic bins and (1) canvas picking bag, filled with mandarins. The unknown suspect(s) hid the fruit near the base of (3) trees. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact TCSO Ag Crimes Detectives at 735-1853 or at **Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194**, or by e-mail [tcsso@tipnow.com](mailto:tcsso@tipnow.com).

**Case 16-09374: Road 44 and Avenue 216, Delano**

**Recovery: \$25,000.00**

2/16/2017, Deputies responded to a reported recovery of a John Deere tractor. The reporting party identified and took possession of a John Deere Tractor, 369071, that was reported missing on 7/25/2016. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Detective Randy Gunderman at [RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us) or at 559-735-1853.



**Case 17-02007: Road 36 and Avenue 384, Kingsburg**

**Recovery: \$57,500.00**

2/17/2017, Deputies responded to a theft in progress. The reporting party advised unknown suspect(s) cut into the chain link fence and entered the property. The following items were located on the outside perimeter of the fence and recovered (1) Walk behind saw, several air compressors, (1) Honda irrigation pump, (1) heater and (1) Bobcat Backhoe. The bob cat was still running and was being used to get the International truck unstuck from the mud. The International truck was stolen from Fresno County. Damage to the fence was \$4,000.00. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Joe Armstrong at [JArmstrong@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:JArmstrong@co.tulare.ca.us) or at 559-735-1853, regarding case 17-01916.



**Case 17-02061: Road 144 and Avenue 16, Earlimart**

**Recovery: \$250.00**

2/18/2017, Deputies responded to an attempted theft. The reporting party advised unknown suspect(s) entered the property and was attempting to steal 20 or 30 fence poles, which were originally cemented to the ground. The suspect(s) cut all of the metal wires and broke the cement bases. The fence poles were found in a Ford Explorer and abandoned. The estimated damage was \$300.00. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Randy Gunderman at [RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us) or at 559-735-1853.

**Case 17-01921: Road 176 and Avenue 280, Exeter**

**Recovery: \$10,000.00**

2/19/2017, Deputies responded to the area for a reported recovery of a trailer. The reporting party identified and took possession of the yellow flat bed, dual axle trailer. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. John Nicholson at [JNicholson@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:JNicholson@co.tulare.ca.us) or at 735-1853.



### **Case 17-00719: Road 204 and Avenue 40, Ducor**

TCSO Ag Detectives contacted Pedro Gonzalez during a search warrant of his residence located in Earlimart, Ca. Detectives authored a search warrant after receiving information discovered during multiple ongoing investigations. At this location, property was located and identified as being stolen from multiple farmers in the rural areas, including a Kubota tractor. Pedro Gonzalez was arrested for burglary, grand theft, and possession of stolen property related to the recovery. All property was returned to the rightful owners from the scene. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. John Nicholson at [JNicholson@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:JNicholson@co.tulare.ca.us) or (800) 808-0488, or Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail [tcsotipnow.com](mailto:tcsotipnow@co.tulare.ca.us).



### **North County Activity Cutler-Orosi/Dinuba area:**

#### **Road 136 and Avenue 384, Cutler**

2/15/2017, Deputies responded to a reported theft of a Kubota. The reporting party advised unknown suspect(s) stole a 2013 black/orange Kubota RTV-900 farm utility vehicle from behind their residence. The approximate value of loss was \$15,000.00. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Joe Armstrong at [JArmstrong@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:JArmstrong@co.tulare.ca.us) or at 559-735-1853, regarding case 17-01916.

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

#### **Road 228 and Carson Avenue, Exeter**

2/13/2017, Deputies responded to the area for a reported theft. The reporting party advised unknown suspect(s) cut the padlock and entered the property on a motorcycle. Unknown suspect(s) entered (9) buildings, (3) greenhouses (1) dorm, and storage sheds. Reported stolen were (1) white 2010 Ford F150 truck with license #1322798. Utilizing the company's truck the suspect(s) stole computers, projectors, lawn equipment, Honda pump, and multiple keys to other trucks and to the facility. Unknown suspect(s) also loaded his motorcycle onto the truck. The approximate value of loss was \$40,000.00. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Kenny Jones at [KJones1@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:KJones1@co.tulare.ca.us) or at 559-735-1853, regarding case 17-01829.

#### **Road 180 and Avenue 336, Ivanhoe**

2/7/2017, Deputies responded to the areas for a reported theft of oranges. The reporting party advised sometime between 1/31/2017 and 2/4/2017 unknown suspect(s) entered an orange grove and picked oranges from at least (21) tree's. The approximate value of loss was \$1,000.00. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Randy Gunderman at [RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us) or at 559-735-1853, regarding case 17-01577.

**Road 148 and Avenue 272, Visalia**

2/7/2017, Deputies responded to the area for a reported theft. The reporting party advised sometime between 1/27/2017 and 1/30/2017 unknown suspect(s) entered the property and stole (1) 15-foot forest green double axle trailer, with PBM 1,000-gallon white water tank mounted to the top. On the water tank was a red Honda pump. The approximate value of loss was \$4,600.00. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Randy Gunderman at [RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us) or at 559-735-1853, regarding case 17-01600.

**Spruce Road and Rocky Hill Drive, Exeter**

2/16/2017, Deputies responded to the area for a reported theft. The reporting party advised unknown suspect(s) cut through a chain link fence to enter the property. To avoid the alarm system, the suspect(s) destroyed the dry wall to force entry into the office. Reported stolen were (1) 42-inch Visio TV and (1) black Keurig coffee maker. Unknown suspect(s) then rummaged through work trucks and stole (1) air hammer, miscellaneous tools, impact tools, and (4) gas cans. Utilizing the gas cans the suspect(s) syphoned gas from trucks; both unleaded and diesel. Majority of the crime is captured on surveillance video. The approximate value of loss was \$1,580.00. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. John Nicholson at [JNicholson@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:JNicholson@co.tulare.ca.us) or at 559-735-1853, regarding case 17-01973.

**Road 148 and Avenue 256, Visalia**

2/19/2017, Deputies responded to the area for a reported theft. The reporting party advised unknown suspect(s) broke the locks to (2) Sea Trains and stole (1) green 2000 400cc Kawasaki Prairie quad, (1) TSA rifle case, (1) PSE Hunting bow, (2) wire stretchers, (1) wire crimper, (2) wire tighteners and (1) wire come along. The estimated value of loss was \$4,900.00. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Kenny Jones at [KJones1@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:KJones1@co.tulare.ca.us) or at 559-735-1853, regarding case 17-02100.

**Road 228 and Carson Avenue, Exeter**

Deputies responded to a reported theft of multiple items. The reporting party advised unknown suspect(s) gained entry into numerous buildings on the property. Reported stolen were (1) 2010 Ford F150, (1) 50-inch flat screen TV, multiple lap top computers, chain saws, blowers, computer monitors and miscellaneous tools. The estimated value of loss was \$40,000.00. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Kenny Jones at [KJones1@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:KJones1@co.tulare.ca.us) or at 559-735-1853 regarding case 17-01829.

**South County Activity:****Porterville Substation area:****Road 176 and Avenue 200, Lindsay**

2/13/2017, Deputies responded to the area for a reported theft. The reporting party advised unknown suspect(s) entered the property and stole (1) white/yellow 2003 Ford F-450 truck, license #6Z62926, (1) blue/white 2003 Yamaha BTM YZ-85, 84cc, (1) green "speed air" air compressor, (1) yellow heater, miscellaneous Craftsman tools and tractor parts. The approximate value of loss was \$65,000.00. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Kenny Jones at [KJones1@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:KJones1@co.tulare.ca.us) or at 559-735-1853, regarding case 17-01839.

## **Pixley Substation area:**

### **Road 8 and Avenue 200, Richgrove**

2/11/2017, Deputies responded to a reported theft. The reporting party advised sometime between 2/9/2017 and 2/11/2017, unknown suspect(s) entered an orchard and broke into a metal shed. Reported stolen were (3) 5-gallon gas containers, full (2) pruning shears, (1) floor jack and (1) ratchet tool. The approximate value of loss was \$340.00. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact TCSO Ag Crimes Detectives at 735-1853 or at **Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail [tcsco@tipnow.com](mailto:tcsco@tipnow.com)** regarding case 17-01757.

### **Road 144 and Avenue 16, Earlimart**

2/17/2017, Deputies responded to a theft of a chain link fence. The reporting party advised unknown suspect(s) cut and took approximately 250-feet of 6-foot chain link fence to an irrigation pond. The approximate value of loss was \$1,500.00. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Randy Gunderman at [RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:RGunderman@co.tulare.ca.us) at or at 559-735-1853, regarding case 17-02021.

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