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VPD Report Number: 13-08780 **Type of Incident:** Residential Burglary Arrest **Date/Time Occurred:** 7/18/13 1300 hrs **Location:** REd Roof Inn Tulare, CA

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:	Age:	Arrested:
1. Donnie Johnson	35	Yes
2. Heidi Cox	21	Yes

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Details: On 07/18/13 at about 1300 hours, Visalia PD property crimes detectives located Suspect Donald Johnson at the Red Roof Inn in Tulare. Johnson was being sought by detectives for his involvement in numerous thefts within the City of Visalia and surrounding areas. Johnson was located near a stolen vehicle from the City of Hanford and fled from detectives on foot. Johnson was apprehended in the nearby parking lot. A search of the hotel room where Johnson was staying uncovered numerous articles of stolen property from burglaries in several cities including Visalia. Narcotics were also located in the room to include a large bag of processed Marijuana and bindles of suspected crystal methamphetamine. Additionally located associated with the room was Suspect Heidi Cox. Both Cox and Johnson were arrested and booked at the Tulare County Jail on charges of Burglary, possession of stolen property and possession of methamphetamine. Johnson additionally was booked on outstanding arrest warrants. Please refer questions to PIO.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Property Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Amy Watkins

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