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\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\* August 30, 2013

**VPD Report Number:** 13-10308 / 13-10339 / 13-06292

**Type of Incident:** Commercial burglary, auto theft, conspiracy, possession of stolen property

**Date/Time Occurred:** 5/25/13, 8/21/13, 8/22/13

**Location:** 29016 Hwy 99 (Visalia SPCA), 110 S. Akers (Akers Chevron)

## Name of Business (if applicable):

Akers Chevron Visalia SPCA

Suspect:	Age:	Arrested:
1. Randall Versteeg	37	Yes

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**Details:** On August 30, 2013, detectives from the Visalia Police Department Property Crimes Unit filed additional charges on S/Randall Versteeg for the following crimes after an investigation revealed S/Versteeg was responsible. On May 25th, Akers Chevron was the victim of a commercial burglary where S/Versteeg removed a carwash operating panel/cash machine causing a loss of over \$21,000 in damage and theft. Over a two day period beginning August 21st, S/Versteeg stole two vehicles and used both vehicles to burglarize the Visalia SPCA causing over \$4,000 in property loss and damage.

S/Versteeg was arrested after an extensive foot pursuit on Wednesday, August 29th, in the area of Mineral King and Crenshaw. S/Versteeg was suspected of these crimes prior to the arrest. After S/Versteeg's arrest a search warrant of S/Versteeg's vehicle confirmed his involvement. S/Versteeg remains in custody at the Tulare County Jail on charges stemming from his Wednesday arrest. Additional crimes were charged to S/Versteeg today which included three counts of commercial burglary, two counts of auto theft, conspiracy, possession of stolen property.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Property Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sergeant Watkins

