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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number: 13-10997 and 14-01131 **Date/Time Occurred:** 09/03/13-09/04/13

Type of Incident: Residential Burglary (x2), Possession Location: 4000 block of W. Whitendale

of Stolen Property, and Possession of Burglary Tools

Name of Business (if applicable):

Confidential Victim #1
Confidential Victim #2

Suspect: Age: Arrested:

1. Cross, Jason 42-years of age Yes

2.

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Details: In early Sept. 2013, two residential burglaries occurred next door to each other at the 4000 block of W. Whitendale. Both homes were being fumigated by a pest control company at the time. It was learned that S/Jason Cross was involved with both residential burglaries. The fumigation tents were cut and the suspect used force entry into each of the homes.

Stolen property was located at S/Cross' home during execution of a search warrant on 01/30/14. One of the victims positively identified the stolen property to be hers. Upon contact with S/Cross during his arrest, three shaved keys were also located. Shaved keys are primarily used to gain entry into many different types of vehicles and/or start vehicles to steal them.

S/Cross was arrested and booked at the Tulare County Main Jail for two counts of residential burglary, possession of stolen property and possession of burglary tools.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Property Crimes and Patrol Supervisor: Sgt. Watkins

