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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number: 13-07627, 14-01553, 14-02782,

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Type of Incident: Check Fraud / Commercial

Burglaries

Date/Time Occurred: January 19, 2014 - April 8, 2014

Location: Multiple locations

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:	Age:	Arrested:
1. Frazier, Kabarega	33	Yes
2. Massey, Teresa	28	Yes
3. Luna, Baudello	34	Yes

Details: In January 2014, Visalia Police Detectives began an investigation into the three listed suspects who were involved with passing counterfeit checks at multiple retail stores in Visalia. Checking account information was collected from multiple victims through mail theft. The suspects then created fraudulent checks with victims account information and purchased items from retail stores with the counterfeit checks. The suspects would then return the items purchased days later for a monetary gain.

On March 20, 2014, Kabarega Frazier was arrested and booked into the Tulare County Jail. On April 8, 2014, Teresa Massey and Baudello Luna were arrested and booked. All three suspects were booked on charges of commercial burglary, check fraud, forgery, and conspiracy. The approximate loss is in excess of \$5,000 at this time. The investigation is continuing.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Detective J. Tejeda **Supervisor:** Sergeant Watkins

