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VPD Report Number: 14-11910Type of Incident: Auto Theft, Chop Shop

Date/Time Occurred: 9-29-14/1300 hrs. **Location:** 520 N. Encina, Visalia

Name of Business (if applicable):

| Suspect: | Age: | Arrested: |
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| 1. Hurlbut, Seth | 34 | Yes |

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Details: On 9/29/14 Investigators from the Tulare County Regional Auto Theft Taskforce (T-RATT) conducted followup investigation regarding a stolen 1995 Honda Accord. During the course of the investigation it was found that Seth Hurlbut was in possession of the stolen vehicle and had concealed the vehicle's identity by switching Vehicle Identification Numbers (V.I.N.) and license plates. Hurlbut was booked at the Tulare County Pre-trial Facility on charges of auto theft, possession of a stolen vehicle, and operating a chop shop.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: T-RATT

Supervisor: Sgt. D. Tripp

