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\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\*
May 13, 2016

**VPD Report Number:** 16-06602 **Date/Time Occurred:** 05/05/16-05/10/16

Type of Incident: Commercial Burglary Location: Riggin / Akers

## Name of Business (if applicable):

Visalia Unified School District Ridgeview Middle School

Suspect:	<u>Age:</u>	Arrested:
1. Francisco Ortega	25	YES
2. Juan Crispin Navarro	29	YES
3.		

**Details:** On May 10, 2016 the Property Crimes Unit became aware of, and began investigating a theft of televisions from the VUSD Ridgeview Middle School which is under construction. Detectives discovered that between May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>, 23 – Vizio 70" HD Smart TVs and 12 – Vizio 24" HD Smart TVs were stolen from the construction site. The total loss was estimated at \$31,346.00. Detectives identified a theft pattern overlapping with a Security Guard working at the site. Harrison Security was contacted and cooperated fully with the investigation. SUSPECT Ortega, the security guard was contacted on May 12<sup>th</sup> at his residence in Visalia. Detectives located stolen property at this location and Ortega was arrested. Additional leads were developed and Detectives responded to an address in Hanford. More of the stolen TVs were located at this location and SUSPECT Navarro was identified. Navarro was later contacted and arrested at his work in Hanford. Detectives recovered 9 of the 70" TVs and 6 of the 24" TVs to date. The Property Crimes Unit is still looking for the outstanding property. Anyone with information should contact the Visalia Police Department.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Property Crimes Unit **Supervisor:** Sgt. Feller

