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NEWS RELEASE
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VPD Report Number: 12-16547 Date/Time Occurred: 11/16/12 1345 hours

Age:

Type of Incident: Commercial Burglary **Location:** 4207 W. Noble, Visalia

Victim or Party:

1. Beitler Realty Group, Los Angeles

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Suspect:	Age:	Arrested:
1. Allen Lee Suther	40	Yes
2. Christopher Ryan Ramage	27	Yes
3. Brittany Gosselin	24	Yes

Details:

On 11/16/2012, at approximately 1300 hours Officers from the Visalia Police Department responded to 4207 W. Noble regarding a reported burglary at the vacant business. This location is a vacant structure once occupied by Vons Supermarket.

Officers responded to the scene and discovered the business had been stripped of all material containing copper, including wire and plumbing lines. The loss is estimated at over \$100,000 with additional losses to be determined. An investigation into the burglary lead to the identification of two known copper wire thieves from the city of Clovis.

On 11/19/2012, detectives from the Visalia, Clovis, and Fresno Police Departments worked in conjunction to serve a search warrant in the 1300 block of Barstow in the City of Clovis. During the service of the search warrant evidence of the wire theft was located as well as narcotics and narcotic paraphernalia. Information was also gathered connecting Allen Suther, Christopher Ramage, and Brittany Gosselin to the wire theft in Visalia.

Suspect Gosselin was located and arrested at the Table Mountain Casino with the assistance from the Fresno County Sheriff's Department. She was transported to Visalia and booked into the Tulare County jail facility on charges of burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary, and possession of narcotics.



Suspect Christopher Ramage and Allen Suther were located in the City of Visalia by detectives and were taken into custody after a short vehicle pursuit. Ramage and Suther were transported to the Tulare County jail facility under charges of burglary, grand theft, conspiracy to commit burglary, transportation of narcotics, and possession of burglary tools. Christopher Ramage also faces additional charges of failing to yield to police and an outstanding warrant in Merced County for burglary and assault. Arresting / Investigating Officer: Visalia PD Property Crimes Unit **Supervisor:** Sergeant Alvarez