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NEWS RELEASE

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VPD Report Number: 12-18146, 12-18367, & 13-01064

Type of Incident: Three counts of commercial burglary, possession of methamphetamine, possession of extcasy, and resisting arrest.

Date/Time Occurred: 12/21/12 (Lee's Stereo), 12/28/12 (A&W), and 1/26/13 (Total Knowledge Computer Service, 2/7/13 (arrest date) .

Location: 3102 S. Mooney (Lee's Stereo), 301 N. Willis (A&W), 1212 W. Murray (Total Knowledge Computer Service), and Jacob & Goshen (arrest location)

Victim or Party:

1. Lee's Stereo
2. A&W Restaurant
3. Total Knowledge Computer Service

Age:

Suspect:

1. Whipple, Shawn
- 2.
- 3.

Age:

43

Arrested:

yes

Details: Beginning Decemeber 21, 2012 commercial burglaries occurred at the above listed businesses with forced entries. During the burglaries the suspect made off with the cash registers to these businesses. The suspect was captured on surveillance at these locations. On Thursday, February 7, 2013 at approximately 1030 AM, the listed suspect was located in the area of Jacob and Goshen. After a short pursuit, he was arrested. The suspect was found to be connected to the above listed burglaries and was booked into the Tulare County Main Jail for three counts of commercial burglary, possession of methamphetamine and extcasy, resisting arrest and for an AB 109 arrest warrant. The suspect was found to have numerous prior commercial burglary arrests in numerous jurisdictions. Investigators are determinining if the suspect is tied to other commercial burglaries in Visalia. The Visalia Police Department strongly encourages the installation of surveillance video equipment at businesses that can provide important evidence to police. If anyone has information that can assist in this investigation, they are encouraged to contact Detective Jared Hughes at 713-4574.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Property Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Candido Alvarez



