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\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\*
April 19, 2013

**VPD Report Number:** 13-04624 **Date/Time Occurred:** 4/19/13 / 0800 hrs.

**Type of Incident:** Auto Theft **Location:** 4055 E. Walnut, Visalia

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect: Age: Arrested:

1. Gary Washebek 36 Yes

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**Details:** On 4/19/13 Investigators with the Tulare Reduce Auto Theft Taskforce (T-RATT) and Visalia Police Department investigated the theft of a 2007 Catapillar skid-steer tractor. With the assistance of the Tulare County Probation Department, a probation search was conducted at 4055 E. Walnut, Visalia. The stolen tractor was located on the property and Gary Washebek was taken into custody. The tractor was recovered and is valued at \$35,000. Washebek was booked into the Tulare County jail for charges of auto theft, possession of a stolen vehicle, and a probation violation.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Detective J. Whaley Supervisor: Sgt. Watkins

