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NEWS RELEASE
August 15, 2013

VPD Report Number: 13-08754 Date/Time Occurred: 7/17/13 at 1951

Type of Incident: Attempted Robbery Location: 2323 S. Mooney Blvd

Name of Business (if applicable):

Grocery Outlet Bargain Market

Suspect: Age: Arrested:

1. David Lofty 37 Yes

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Details: On 7/17/13 at 1951 hours, an unknown male entered the Grocery Outlet Bargain Market on S. Mooney Blvd armed with a shotgun and attempted to steal money out of a manned register. The suspect was unsuccessful and fled the area in an awaiting vehicle. S/David Lofty was arrested in Visalia on 7/18/13 for an outstanding arrest warrant out of Kern County. At the time of his arrest, Lofty had not been identified as the Grocery Outlet suspect. An ongoing investigation into the robbery revealed S/Lofty was the suspect responsible. During the investigation the shotgun and the suspect vehicle were located. On 8/14/13 an arrest warrant was issued for S/Lofty. S/Lofty will remain in custody and return to Tulare County to face charges of attempted armed robbery and felon in possession of a firearm after he completes his judicial process in Kern County.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Property Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sergeant Watkins