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\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\*
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**VPD Report Number:** 13-11799 **Date/Time Occurred:** 9-23-13 / 2208 hrs.

**Type of Incident:** Auto Theft **Location:** Ave. 296 / Rd. 152

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect: Age: Arrested:

1. Staton, Jerry 45 Yes

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**Details:** On 9-23-13 at approximately 2208 hrs., Detectives from the Tulare County Reduce Auto Theft Taskforce (T-RATT) located a stolen 1991 Toyota Carmy being driven by (S) Staton in the area of Rd. 148 / Walnut Ave., Visalia. Staton attempted to flee from officers by driving the vehicle off-road at a high rate of speed. A short time later the stolen Toyota was located, abandoned, on Ave. 296 west of Rd. 152. With the help of Visalia Police Department patrol officers/K-9 and California Highway Patrol officers, Staton was found hiding in a nearby orchard and was taken into custody without incident. Staton was booked at the Tulare County Main Jail for charges of auto theft, possession of a stolen vehicle, resisting arrest and committing a felony while out on bail.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: T-RATT, VPD, CHP Supervisor: Sgt. Tripp

