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VPD Report Number: 15-09350, 15-09351

Type of Incident: Vandalism to County Civic Center and County Vehicles

Date/Time Occurred: 7/5/2015, 0725 hrs

Location: County Civic Center, and parking lots north and west of the County Civic Center

Name of Business (if applicable):

County Civic Center

Suspect:	Age:	Arrested:
1. Michael Allen Ray	52	YES

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Details: On 7-5-2015, at approximately 0725 hrs, the Visalia Police Department received a report of a vandalism which had occurred to vehicles in the parking lot of the County Civic Center, and to the Civic Center. Over the weekend, possibly last night, unknown suspect(s) broke the windshields or various windows of 47 vehicles parked in the lots north and west of the Civic Center. Seven vehicle tires were also punctured, and 2 windows in the County Civic Center were broken. Damage is estimated at more than \$10,000. If anyone has any information regarding this crime, they are urged to contact the Visalia Police Department.

On 07/07/2015, Detectives from the Visalia Police Department Property Crimes Unit retrieved and reviewed video footage made availabe by the Tulare County Sheriff's Department and Tulare County Surplus Division. The Sheriff's Department contacted Detectives and advised that MICHAEL ALLEN RAY was remanded by the Court on an un-related matter and fit the description of the Suspect. Detectives were able to make a positive identification of Suspect RAY. Further investigation located additional witnesses and evidence in the case and Suspect RAY was arrested and booked for Commercial Burglary and Felony Vandalism.



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