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Stolen Vehicle Leads Investigators to Chop Shop Operation in Ivanhoe

At approximately 1:30 p.m. today, the Tulare County Regional Auto Theft Task Force (TRATT) located a red 2020 Hyundai Elantra that had been reported stolen during a residential burglary in the city of Visalia. The vehicle was found parked in the driveway of a home in the 15600 block of Beechwood Avenue in Ivanhoe.

While officers were investigating, 43-year-old Stephen Glispey was seen riding an unregistered dirt bike onto the property. A search warrant was obtained and served. After a one-hour standoff, Glispey exited the residence without incident.

During the search, officers confirmed the Hyundai was stolen and had several parts removed, indicating the location was being used as a chop shop. One confirmed stolen dirt bike was recovered, along with another suspected stolen dirt bike that had its VIN number removed.

Glispey was arrested and booked on charges including vehicle theft, possession of a stolen vehicle, operating a chop shop, and prior felony theft. He also had an outstanding felony warrant related to firearms offenses.

