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Two Arrested in Visalia for Linked Thefts at Ross Stores

At around 3:50 p.m. on October 24, 2025, Visalia Police officers responded to the Ross store on South Mooney Boulevard for a retail theft in progress. Once on scene, officers contacted two suspects, identified as Juan Vargas Reyes and Monica Valencia Torres, outside the store in possession of several stolen items.

Further investigation revealed the pair had also stolen merchandise earlier in the day from another Ross location on North Dinuba Boulevard. Both suspects are from Modesto and are believed to have worked with a lookout positioned outside the stores. Officers found a push-to-talk (PTT) radio among their belongings, suggesting the thefts were coordinated.

The Visalia Police Department's Property Crimes Unit responded to take over the investigation.

Reyes and Torres were booked on multiple charges, including Grand Theft (PC 487), Organized Retail Theft (PC 490.4(a)(3)), Conspiracy (PC 182(a)(1)), and Possession of Burglary Tools (PC 466).

