



## VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Off-Duty Officer and Community Members Help Stop Home Depot Theft Suspect**

Yesterday, at approximately 1:35 p.m., Visalia Police Department officers responded to Home Depot on South Demaree Street for a theft that had just occurred. Officers were advised that an off-duty officer was involved in a physical altercation with the suspect.

The investigation revealed that 53-year-old Jimmy Aguirre walked out an emergency exit with a loaded shopping cart. When confronted by Loss Prevention, Aguirre became violent. He then walked through the parking lot, where he struck a vehicle with a metal pipe, causing severe damage.

An off-duty officer saw the altercation and ordered Aguirre to stop. After the officer identified himself verbally and displayed his badge, Aguirre struck him. The officer was able to physically detain Aguirre with help from nearby auto oil changer employees until Visalia PD officers arrived.

Aguirre, who was found to be on parole, was arrested and booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Detention Facility for robbery (211 PC), felony vandalism (594 PC), battery on a peace officer (243(b) PC), and a parole violation.

