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# VISALIA POLICE 303 S. JOHNSON VISALIA, CA 93291 PRESS RELEASE

Crime or Accident No. 10-15236 Date and Time Occurred: 10-5-10

Type of Incident: Theft by False Location: 940 E. Main

Pretenses.

Age

Victim or Party Numerous Victims City:

Victim or Party: City:

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Age: Arrested:

Suspect: Road House DBA Visalia Motor

sports

City Visalia

Suspect: City:

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Details: On October 4<sup>th</sup> the Visalia Police Department received a complaint regarding a car restoration company Visalia Motor Sports doing business as the Road House at 940 E. Main. Several victims came forward and advised that they had given the business a car for restoration and also several thousand dollars to pay for the restoration. The victims had discovered that no work had been completed on their vehicles. The business had some of the vehicles for several years and did not make repairs.

On today's date the Visalia Police Department, Bureau of Automotive Repair and the Tulare County Regional Auto Theft Task Force served multiple search warrants regarding this case. Two of the search warrants were served at 940 E. Main and 808 E. Acequia in Visalia. The police department located in excess of 50 cars that were in various stages of repair. As of today's date the Visalia Police Department has located in excess of 30 victims with a combined loss in excess of \$700,000 dollars. The vehicles that were seized today were returned to the owners, if the owners could be located.

The Visalia Police Department would also like to think the Better Business Bureau for their assistance in this case. If you believe you may be a victim of this business please contact Detective Brian Young at 559-713-4216.

Attached are photos of the two search warrant locations and some of the vehicles that were seized.

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Arresting Officer(s): Injuries:

Investigating Officer(s): Property Crimes Unit.

Property Stolen or Recovered: Date and Time Released: 10-5-10

1715 hours.

Supervisor: S4

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Suspect Photo	
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