

VISALIA POLICE
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VISALIA, CA 93291
PRESS RELEASE

Crime or Accident No.	09-11736	Date and Time Occurred: 12/16/2010, 0830
Type of Incident:	Embezzlement, Money Laundering, White Collar Crime Enhancement Arrest	Location: Visalia First Assembly of God Church 3737 S Akers Visalia, Ca

Victim or Party: Visalia 1st Assembly of God Church	Age	City: Visalia
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Suspect: Arreola, Sandra	Age: 51	Arrested: Yes	City: Palm Desert, Ca
Suspect:			City:
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Details: The Visalia PD Property Crimes Unit was notified of a possible embezzlement occurring at the 1st Assembly of God Church in Visalia. An employee of the church, Suspect Arreola, was believed to have stolen cash from the tithes and offerings of the church. After a very extensive and exhaustive year and a half long investigation by the VPD Property Crimes Unit, it was determined that Suspect Arreola had stolen over \$2 million dollars in cash. The stolen cash was taken from the tithes and offerings collected from the church services. The thefts are believed to have taken place dating back to 2003. On today's date, Suspect Arreola was arrested and booked into Bob Wiley Detention Facility and is being held on \$1 million dollars bail. The Visalia Police Department received assistance in this investigation from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department – Palm Desert Substation. (Continued Below)

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The 1st Assembly of God Church is willing to provide a statement regarding the incident to the media. To obtain that statement, please contact Louise Lessel at 559-733-9070.

Arresting Officer(s): VPD Property Crimes Unit

Injuries: None

Investigating Officer(s): VPD Property Crimes Unit

Property Stolen or Recovered: Over \$2 million

**Date and Time Released: 12/16/10,
0900 Hours**

Supervisor: Sgt Alvarez

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Suspect Photo
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