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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

August 12, 2013

VPD Report Number: 13-09923

Date/Time Occurred: 8-12-13 / 1521 hrs.

Type of Incident: Auto Theft

Location: Blain Park, Visalia

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

1. Martorana, Joseph
- 2.
- 3.

Age:

32

Arrested:

Yes

Details: On 8-12-13 at 1521 hours Detectives from the Tulare County Reduce Auto Theft Taskforce (T-RATT) located Joseph Martorana driving a 2013 Hyundai Sonata that was reported stolen on 8-9-13 in the Los Angeles area. The suspect attempted to lose the detectives that were following him and abandoned the vehicle in the parking lot at Blain Park. With the assistance of the Visalia Police Department, Tulare County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol the suspect was apprehended in the backyard of a nearby residence. Martorana was booked at the Tulare County Main Jail on charges of auto theft and being in possession of a stolen vehicle.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: T-RATT

Supervisor: Sgt. Tripp

