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

September 24, 2013

VPD Report Number: 13-11728

Date/Time Occurred: 9-22-13 / 2:53 PM

Type of Incident: Maintaining a Vehicle Chop Shop

Location: Ave 96 City of Pixley

Name of Business (if applicable):

N / A

Suspect:

1. Jose Luis Castellanos
- 2.
- 3.

Age:

26

Arrested:

yes

Details: Over the weekend of September 21-22, shopping center parking lots along South Mooney Blvd experienced a spike in vehicle burglaries. On 9-24-13, Detectives from the Visalia Police Department served a search warrant at the residence of Suspect Jose Castellanos in the City of Pixley. During the service of the search warrant, numerous pieces of stolen property taken from these burglaries were located at the suspect's residence. An operational vehicle chop shop was also located on the premise with numerous stolen vehicle parts throughout a storage area. Suspect Castellanos was booked into jail for possession of stolen property, burglary, and owning/maintaining a chop shop.

This investigation is ongoing.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Property Crimes Unit / TRATT

Supervisor: Sgt. Ozzie Dominguez

