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

December 18, 2013

VPD Report Number: Numerous

Date/Time Occurred: August 2013 – December 2013

Type of Incident: Commercial Burglaries / Auto Theft

Location: Several within the city of Visalia

Name of Business (if applicable):

- Kwik Stop Liquor
- Shannon Village Market-Valero Gas
- Traders Pizza
- Tokyo Garden Restaurant
- AirGas
- Union 76 Gas
- Marshalls
- Giant Chevrolet

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

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| 1. Jared Buckles (Exeter) | 31 | Yes |
| 2. Kenneth Johnson (Exeter) | 28 | Yes |

Details: Detectives from the Visalia Police Department Property Crimes Unit arrested Jared Buckles on 12/12/13 and Kenneth Johnson on 12/16/13. The arrests were made after an extensive investigation into the commercial burglaries of several Visalia businesses. During the course of the investigation detectives uncovered information that led them to Buckles and Johnson, who are friends from Exeter. In addition to the burglaries, several stolen vehicles were linked to the two suspects and used during the commission of some of these burglaries. At the time of his arrest Johnson was driving a vehicle that was stolen in the city of Visalia. Detectives are looking into the possibility that both suspects are responsible for additional crimes.

The Tulare County Sheriff’s Office assisted the Visalia Police Department with the investigation.

Jared Buckles was booked into the Tulare County Main Jail on 12/12/13 under charges of commercial burglary, possession of stolen property, and committing a felony while out on bail. Buckles was previously arrested by Visalia PD detectives on 11/19/13 in possession of a firearm and narcotics.



Kenneth Johnson was booked into the Tulare County Jail on 12/16/13 under charges of commercial burglary, possession of stolen property, auto theft, and committing a felony while out on bail. Johnson was previously arrested by Exeter PD on 11/19/13 in possession of a firearm and narcotics.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Property Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sergeant Watkins

