



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**January 18, 2014**

**VPD Report Number:** 14-00644, 14-00338, 14-00076

**Date/Time Occurred:** 1-18-14/0206

**Type of Incident:** Vehicle Theft, Possession of Stolen Property, Narcotics Violations

**Location:** Pinkham/Noble

**Name of Business (if applicable):**

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

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| 1. Nicholas Lee Lowe    | 23 | yes |
| 2. Michael Aaron Morris | 43 | yes |
| 3. Dewey Allen Utsler   | 54 | no  |

**Details:** On 1-18-14 at approximately 0206 hours, the Visalia Police Department received a report of a theft of a cargo trailer that had just occurred. Responding Patrol Officers were able to locate the stolen cargo trailer being towed in the vicinity of Pinkham/Noble. Patrol Officers arrested Nicholas Lowe, Dewey Utsler, and Michael Morris at the scene. Also located inside the vehicle were methamphetamine and burglary tools. Property Crimes Detective was called to the scene for further investigation. During the investigation with the assistance from the Narcotics and Gang Units, evidence was located regarding two additional cargo trailers that were previously stolen from within the City of Visalia. Nicholas Lee Lowe and Michael Aaron Morris were booked into the Tulare County Jail for charges of Auto Theft, Possession of Stolen Property, Possession of Methamphetamine for Sale, Conspiracy, and Violation of Probation. Dewey Utsler was transported to Kaweah Delta Hospital for treatment to an injury he suffered during the theft.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Patrol, Property Crimes, Narcotics Unit      **Supervisor:** Sgt. Andrews / Sgt. Epp

