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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**January 13, 2015**

**VPD Report Number:** 15-00294 / 15-00538

**Date/Time Occurred:** 1/13/15 0923 hours

**Type of Incident:** Auto theft suspect arrest

**Location:** Mineral King and Cain

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

**Suspect:**

1. John Henry Rivas

**Age:**

27

**Arrested:**

Yes

**Details:** On January 7, 2015 at 2100 hours, officers with the Visalia Police Department attempted to pull over a stolen vehicle near the area of Walnut and Giddings. The driver failed to stop and led officers on a short pursuit before the driver abandoned the vehicle near Whitendale and Central streets and fled on foot. The driver was not located. Further investigation revealed the driver of this stolen vehicle to be S/ John Henry Rivas.

On today's date at approx. 0923 hours, investigators with the Tulare County Regional Auto Theft Taskforce (T-RATT) saw S/Rivas in the area of Mineral King and Cain and attempted to detain him. S/Rivas refused officer's orders to stop and fled on foot. During the foot chase, S/Rivas removed a bullet resistant vest he was wearing and discarded it. S/Rivas later entered an occupied private residence trying to avoid capture. S/Rivas left that residence and was located hiding in a nearby abandoned house and taken into custody.

S/Rivas is on active AB109 probation. He was booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility for possession of a stolen vehicle, felony evading an officer, residential burglary, resisting arrest, and probation violation.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** T-Tratt, VPD Patrol

**Supervisor:** Sgt. D. Maurice

