



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

March 15, 2017

VPD Report Number: 17-20639

Date/Time Occurred: 03/15/17 at 1245 Hours

Type of Incident: Auto Theft / Commercial Burglary
ARREST

Location: 4200 Block S Mooney

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Michael Burke – Porterville

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Details: The Visalia Police Department Commercial Policing Unit, in cooperation with Allied Agencies, has been investigating multiple Commercial Burglaries to businesses in the City of Visalia, and in Fresno, Kings and Tulare Counties. (S) BURKE had been identified and located in Best Buy on S Mooney on this date. As Officers contacted BURKE, he attempted to get into a grey Nissan truck later found to be stolen out of Tulare. BURKE fled on foot, across Mooney Blvd. toward another shopping center, and was then taken into custody. BURKE was found to be in possession of burglary equipment used to defeat security sensors on high end merchandise, narcotics, and his personal effects were located in the stolen truck. BURKE was booked into jail for burglary, burglary tools, auto theft, narcotics charges and resisting arrest.

Businesses or Loss Prevention Officers with information on the arrest of BURKE can contact B. Young at 559-713-4946 or the Property Crimes Unit at 559-713-4240.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD Commercial Policing Unit /
TRATT, Property Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Mark Feller

