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

November 7, 2018

VPD Report Number: 18-097951

Date/Time Occurred: July to November

Type of Incident: Identity Theft /Possession of Stolen Property

Location: 3800 block N Fontana

Name of Business (if applicable):

Lowes

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Latoya Williams

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yes

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Details: On approximately ten occasions since July the suspect Williams has ordered high end appliances and other property online from Lowes using stolen identities. Williams would have the property delivered to various vacant residences and apartments within the City of Visalia. Williams would have the delivery driver leave the items at the curb giving the drivers excuses about friends coming to help her move property into the residences. After the driver left Williams would reload the property into her vehicle and take it to her residence. She would then resell the property online.

On November 6th the Visalia Police Department Property Crimes Unit served a search warrant at Williams' residence and recovered 2 refrigerators, a washer, a dryer, lawn mower, and other stolen property. Williams was booked into the Tulare County Jail without incident on the charges of identity theft and possession of stolen property.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: J. Dowling

Supervisor: R. Gauger



