



# VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***

**December 16, 2020**

**VPD Report Number:** 20-104647

**Date/Time Occurred:** 12/16/2020 8:40 am

**Type of Incident:** Embezzlement

**Location:** 3200 block of N. Plaza/100 block of W. Howard

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

CVS  
UPS

**Suspect:**

**Age:**

**Arrested:**

1. Farrel Dewayne Ward

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Yes

**Details:** On December 16, 2020 at 8:40 am Narcotic Detectives responded to the 3200 block of N. Plaza (UPS) and arrested Farrel Dewayne Ward as a result of a month long investigation into theft of prescription medication. During the investigation it was found that Ward, who was an employee of UPS, had stolen over \$10,000 worth of prescription medication being shipped by CVS. A search warrant was conducted at his residence immediately following the arrest. During the search over \$8,000 worth of stolen medication was recovered, along with cocaine, evidence of narcotic sales and 16 firearms were seized. Farrel Dewayne Ward was transported and booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility for embezzlement, possession of stolen property and narcotic sales related charges.

**Arresting / Investigating Officer:** Narcotics  
Detectives/SEU/TARGET

**Supervisor:** Sgt. J. Hughes

