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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
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VPD Report Number:21-062876

Date/Time Occurred: 7/29/21 1452 hours

Type of Incident: Grand theft/ Conspiracy arrest

Location: Atwood / Hillsdale

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Anthony Steven Duarte
2. Oscar Sanchez

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Yes
Yes

Details: On the listed date and time, Visalia Police Department patrol officers responded to Atwood/Hillsdale for a report of suspects stealing a catalytic converter from a vehicle. Approx. 30 minutes later, another report of a catalytic converter theft was received in the 2400 blk of N. Fairway. Both crimes involved the same suspect vehicle that fled the scene. At 1600 hours, a patrol officer saw the suspect vehicle at Ben Maddox and Houston and initiated a stop. The (3) listed suspects were contacted in the vehicle and positively identified as the suspects in both thefts. Both stolen catalytic converters were recovered and returned to the victims. The (3) suspects were booked into the Tulare County Pre-Trial facility for grand theft and conspiracy charges.

3rd suspect arrested: Monique Mary Mendoza 26 years of age

Arresting / Investigating Officer: VPD Patrol / Property Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. D. Maurice

