



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

January 18, 2023

VPD Report Number: 23-004605, 23-004898,
23-004896, 23-004902, 23-004913, 23-004918,
23-004919

Date/Time Occurred: January 18, 2023, 12:50 a.m. to
2:24 a.m.

Type of Incident: Commercial Burglary, Vandalism,
Resisting Arrest, and Probation Violation

Location: 100 S. Church St.
311 W. Center Ave.
618 W. Main St.
521 E. Main St.
115 E. Main St. Unit 103
115 E. Main St. Unit 101
116 E. Main St.

Name of Business (if applicable):

- SP's Burgers
- Visalia Bible Fellowship
- Tri-Counties Bank
- Barrel House Brewing Company
- Provoke Salon
- Blend Wine
- Crescent Valley Charter School

Suspect:

1. Timothy Bethel

Age:

31

Arrested:

Yes

Details: On January 18, 2023, at approximately 12:50 a.m., officers responded to SP's Burgers in the 100 block of S. Church St. regarding a burglary alarm. Upon arrival, officers located a broken glass window. It was determined that entry was made, the cash register was opened, but nothing was taken.



At 1:32 a.m., officers responded to Visalia Bible Fellowship in the 300 block of W. Center Ave. regarding a burglary alarm. Upon arrival, officers located a broken glass door and again, it was determined that entry was made but nothing was taken.

At 2:24 a.m., officers responded to Tri-Counties Bank located in the 600 block of W. Main St. regarding a burglary alarm. Upon arrival, officers located Suspect Timothy Bethel, 31 years old, attempting to exit the bank through a broken window with property from the business. Suspect Bethel dropped the property and ran back inside of the business to avoid arrest. Officers made entry into the bank and took Suspect Bethel into custody without incident. Suspect Bethel was found to be on probation for commercial burglary.

The Property Crimes Unit, Downtown Commercial Policing Officer, and Crime Lab were called out to the scene to investigate the series of burglaries. Suspect Bethel was linked to three additional burglaries to businesses in the downtown area, Provoke Salon, Blend Wine, and Crescent Valley Charter School. Additionally, it was determined that Suspect Bethel was also responsible for a burglary at Barrel House Brewing Company which occurred the day prior, January 17, 2023.

Suspect Bethel was transported to the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility where he was booked for seven counts of commercial burglary, vandalism, violation of probation, and resisting arrest.

Anyone with additional information is urged to contact Detective Brian Young at (559)713-4574. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact the Anonymous Tip Line at (559) 713-4738.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/Property
Crimes/Commercial Policing /Crime Lab

Supervisor: Sgt. A. Alvarez

