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**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
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### VPD Officers Bust Visalia Man for String of Thefts

Around 3 a.m. on May 22, 2023, a community mailbox was stolen in the 3500 block of West Cecil Court in Visalia. Luckily, the theft was caught on video from a home with surveillance cameras. The footage shows a truck driving and checking out the neighborhood prior to the theft.

During the investigation, VPD detectives identified the suspect as 28-year-old Steven Blackford.

Just before 8:30 p.m on June 19, 2023, VPD officers were called to Lowe's on Mooney Boulevard for a report of a man stealing an \$1,100.00 welder. The theft was caught on video and officers identified Blackford as the suspect.

Today, VPD officers arrested Blackford in the 3900 block of West Douglas Avenue in Visalia. He was booked in the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility for two counts of Grand Theft.

