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BUSTED: Officers Track Down $50,000 VUSD Stolen Trailer

Around 10:00 a.m. on July 6, 2023, VPD officers were called to the Visalia Unified School District Maintenance Yard in the 800 block of North Mooney Avenue for a report of stolen equipment. When officers arrived, they were told someone had broken into the maintenance yard and stole a flatbed truck and trailer containing an industrial sandblaster. The truck was found and recovered in the City of Dinuba, but the $50,000 trailer was still missing.

Youth Service Officers took over the investigation. Through follow-ups, YSO's learned the stolen trailer was possibly in Madera County.

Around 7:30 p.m. yesterday, Youth Services Officers, the Tulare Regional Auto Theft Taskforce (TRATT) and Homeless Outreach Proactive Enforcement team and the Madera County Property Crimes Unit found the trailer in the area of Avenue 18 ½ and Highway 99 in Madera. 42-year-old David Swaim was arrested for being in possession of stolen property. Swaim was booked into the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility.

The trailer was returned to the Visalia Unified School District.

This case is ongoing and anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact Detective Matt Conley at (559) 942-1528.