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Shoplifter Busted by Officers in Kohl's Parking Lot

Around 3:20 p.m., VPD officers were called to JC Penny on Mooney Boulevard for a report of shop lifting. Officers were told a woman loaded a shopping cart with over $2,000 worth of merchandise and left without paying.

Loss Prevention confronted the woman outside the store, but the woman ran off before officers arrived on scene.

15 minutes later, the Kohl's Loss Prevention Department reported a shoplifting in progress and described the shoplifter as the same woman that had just fled JC Penney. Officers set up in the Kohl's parking lot and caught the woman as she was leaving the store with stolen merchandise.

41-year-old Saira Howell was arrested for Grand Theft. She was transported and booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility.