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Visalia Police Arrest 102 and Recover \$35K in Stolen Goods During "Holiday Madness" Operation

In November and December 2024, the Visalia Police Department's Property Crimes Unit and HOPE Team launched a coordinated effort called "Holiday Madness" to combat retail theft during the busy holiday season. This initiative involved multiple operations targeting both retail stores and residential areas for burglaries, resulting in 102 arrests and the recovery of approximately \$35,000 in stolen merchandise.

Officers worked diligently to identify and apprehend suspects involved in these crimes, many of whom were from outside the Visalia area. The operation also focused on deterring residential burglaries, and assuring both businesses and homeowners felt safe throughout the holidays.

With Proposition 36 now in effect, some retail thefts are now considered felonies, carrying significantly tougher penalties. This emphasizes the serious consequences of theft, as those caught may face long-term criminal records and severe legal repercussions.

The Visalia Police Department will continue to combat retail theft and make arrests to protect our community. Through ongoing proactive efforts, we are committed to ensuring a safer environment for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

