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**Agricultural Crimes Unit
Informational Bulletin**

October 21, 2018 - November 3, 2018

Recoveries

18-13513: Avenue 128 and Road 224, Terra Bella

Recovery: \$5,000.00

10/23/2018, Detective De Haan was dispatched to the area for a located John Deere Gator left in an orchard. The reporting party advised it did not belong to him. Through investigations it was learned the tractor had been reported stolen on 10/29/2018, in the area of Avenue 95 and Road 224. The victim was contacted and identified the JD Gator, and was able to take possession. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Bryan De Haan at 559-902-9401, or **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail tcsso@tipnow.com**

18-13940: Avenue 432 and Road 140, Visalia

Recovery: \$2,800.00

10/29/2018, Deputies were called to the area for a located trailer. The reporting party advised his employee arrived and reported locating a trailer that did not belong to them in the area of Avenue 432 and Road 140. The trailer contained a diesel fuel tank, a white semi-transparent water storage tank, and a hose for diesel fuel. Sgt. Shaw was notified and he was able to locate the OAN number and the victim was contacted. The victim identified the trailer and took possession. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail tcsso@tipnow.com**

North County Activity

(Visalia/Tulare/Exeter) (Cutler/Orosi/Dinuba)

Visalia Headquarters:

18-13634: Avenue 376 and Road 44, Kingsburg

Loss: \$2,500.00

On 10/22/2018, Deputies were called for a reported theft of copper wire. The Reporting advised suspect(s) had removed copper wire between electrical boxes running from the south side of the road to the north side of the road. The reporting party stated the copper wire was 10awg wire, approximately 400-500 ft. long, and had to have been pulled from the north side of the roadway possibly by a vehicle. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Detectives in the Ag Crimes Unit at 559-802-9401, or **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail tcsso@tipnow.com**

Visalia Substation:

18-13795: Avenue 344 and Road 176, Visalia

Loss: \$12,500.00

10/25/2018, Deputies were called for a reported theft of a trailer, irrigation pipes, miscellaneous irrigation equipment, and a Honda 5-horse power, black in color, air compressor. The victim advised a 2018 flatbed trailer with a cargo of large irrigation pipes and other items was parked in a citrus orchard. Upon returning to the orchard the trailer and the additional items were missing. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Joe Armstrong at 559-802-9401, or **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail tcsso@tipnow.com**

Orosi Substation:

18-13701: Avenue 392 and Road 120, Cutler

Loss: \$8,500.00

10/23/2018, Deputies were dispatched for a reported theft. The victim stated a 10' x 6' trailer containing (2) 10' foot long ladders, (1) blue Porta-Potty, and (1) wash station were missing from the property. The name "Wawona and #20" are on the side of the trailer and the ladders. The ladders have red paint at the bottom and tops. There are no other distinctive markings. The trailer and ladders were last seen on the property yesterday, 10/23/2018. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact AG Crime Detectives at 559-802-9401, **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail tcsso@tipnow.com**

South County Activity

Porterville Substation:

18-13909: Avenue 8 and Road 200, Richgrove

Loss: \$5,100.00

10/28/2018, Deputies were called for a reported theft. Unknown suspect(s) entered the blueberry orchard and stole (2) water pumps; (1) motor; and (1) tractor battery. Attempts were made to break into a seatrain container by cutting a padlock, but the second lock could not be cut. A .45 shell casing was located near the seatrain, and appeared the suspect tried to shoot the second padlock without success. Shoe tracks were located and photographed at the scene. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Joe Armstrong at 559-802-9401, **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail tcsso@tipnow.com**

Pixley Substation:

18-13787: Avenue 88 and Road 184, Terra Bella

Loss: \$6,000.00

10/25/2018, Deputies were called regarding a theft of copper wire. Deputies observed approximately a 4-foot length of fencing had been cut in a metal perimeter fence near an electrical panel. Suspect(s) gained access to the electrical panel and cut (3) wires of 1-gage, and (1) 4-gage of copper wires and stole them. The copper wires lead underneath the ground to another enclosed area containing a water pump, which was approximately 300 ft. south of the electrical panel. Drag marks were located from the wires for a short distance. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det. Joe Armstrong at 559-802-9401, **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail tcsso@tipnow.com**

18-14012: Howard Road and Armstrong Avenue, Earlimart

Loss: \$3,240.00

10/30/2018, Deputies were called regarding a theft of brass valves stolen from a vineyard. The victim stated approximately 135 brass water valves had been taken. Deputies located a suspected shoe and tire track near the vineyard. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact AG Crime Detectives at 559-802-9401, **1-800-808-0488, Tip Now Line: (559) 725-4194, or by e-mail tcsso@tipnow.com**

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