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“Unreported Copper Theft Leads to Arrest”

On February 21, 2015, at approximately 6:37 am, members of the Coalinga Police Department responded to a suspicious vehicle call in the area of East Cherry Lane at Buchanan Street, where Officers contacted 21 year old Shelby Smith, of Coalinga.

Smith was found to be on active parole for property crimes committed in Fresno County. At that time of contact, Smith was arrested for an active Parolee at Large arrest warrant.

After the arrest, officers conducted a parole check of Smith's Coalinga home after receiving a tip about stolen property being stored there. Officers located several spools of copper wiring, which valued at over \$1000.00 at the home.

Officers were able to trace the copper wire to a local business, which was unaware it had been the victim of a property crime.

Smith was booked into the Fresno County Main Jail for property related crimes and for the active parole warrant.

The name of the business will remain confidential due to the ongoing investigation. Detectives anticipate making additional arrests in the case.

Detectives believe Smith may be involved in other crimes currently being investigated. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Detective Unit at the Coalinga Police Department at (559) 935-1525.

“All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law”

