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**"Coalinga Police Re-Arrest Habitual Thieves"**

On March 22, 2015, at approximately 10:35 am, a concerned resident reported seeing two males loading stolen property into a U-Haul box truck in the 1400 block of East Cherry Lane in Coalinga. The witness was able to obtain a license plate for the U-Haul van, which was provided to police.

Patrol officers began canvassing the area and located the U-Haul box truck in the area of Merced Avenue at Jayne Avenue, where an enforcement stop was made. Officers contacted the U-Haul's driver, 46 year old Neil Oliver and his passengers 39 year old Mark Holloway and 26 year old Kara Wilk. All three are residents of Coalinga. Holloway and Wilk are both well known to the Coalinga Police Department for numerous recent arrests for property crimes.

A search of the U-Haul led to the recovery of a generator and various farm equipment which had been stolen minutes earlier from a storage area in the 1400 block of East Cherry Lane. Officers also recovered a mountain bike that had been reported stolen days earlier to the Fresno County Sheriff's Office.

Officers and Detectives also located approximately \$6,000.00 in copper wire and miscellaneous tools, and farming related equipment, which is believed to be stolen. Detectives are working with allied law enforcement agencies in Fresno and neighboring counties to identify victims.

Oliver, Holloway and Wilk will be booked into the Fresno County main jail on various felony charges including, conspiracy, theft, possession of stolen property, criminal possession of a police scanner, criminal possession of copper and probation violations.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Coalinga Police Department's Detective's Unit at (559)935-1525.

**"All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law"**





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