



# City of Coalinga

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR DIESEL THEFT**

On March 13, 2026, at about 2:49 pm, officers responded to a vandalism at Chevron gas station, 307 W. Elm Avenue. Officers arrived and found several gas pumps were damaged and about 500 gallons of diesel were missing. Surveillance footage showed a truck parked at one of the diesel pumps for about an hour occupied a male subject. The truck was identified as a 2000 Ford F-250, California license plate #8X54744, registered to an Angel Fonseca out of Victorville.

Detectives conducted further investigation and located an address for Fonseca in Victorville. Detectives began to actively surveil Fonseca and found he was making frequent stops at diesel yards, possibly selling the stolen diesel. Detectives were able to positively identify Fonseca as the suspect who stole the diesel from Chevron and began working with the District Attorney's office to get charges filed against him and take him into custody.

On Thursday, April 2, 2026, at about 1:29 pm, officers responded back to the Chevron gas station regarding another theft of diesel. Surveillance footage showed the same truck parked at the diesel pumps, and another 500 gallons of diesel missing. The estimated loss for both thefts, including damage to the pumps, was about \$13,000.

On Saturday, April 4, 2026, at about 6:45 pm, while surveilling Fonseca, detectives found that he had left Victorville and was in Bakersfield. Fonseca made several stops before finally

stopping in Kettleman City at the Valero gas station. While detectives waited for additional resources to arrive so they could take Fonseca into custody, detectives believed Fonseca was actively stealing fuel from Valero. After additional resources arrived, Fonseca was contacted and placed under arrest for grand theft and vandalism.

Detectives then determined that Fonseca was in fact stealing gas from the Valero gas station and will be working with the Kings County Sheriff's Office for the filing of charges with the Kings County District Attorney's Office.

Fonseca was taken to the Coalinga Police Department for booking and was later transported to Fresno County Jail. Fonseca's vehicle, gas tanks, and other evidence, were taken back to the Coalinga Police Department and booked into evidence.

Fonseca has an extensive history of burglary and theft convictions and was booked into Fresno County Jail for felony Grand Theft and felony Vandalism.

The Coalinga Police Department will continue to bring those responsible for thefts to answer for their crimes committed in our community no matter where they are. The Coalinga Police Department wants to maintain a positive partnership with the local businesses to make sure they stay open in our community to serve the citizens.

