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**SERIAL BURGLARY SUSPECT ARRESTED  
AND STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED**

The Fresno County Sheriff's Department announces that on January 3, 2004, Deputies identified and arrested serial commercial burglary suspect **Juan Aguilar Rangel**. The investigation involved the burglary of Agricultural related shops and businesses, which were located in the rural southern portion of Fresno County. The investigation of the 53 reported burglaries had been ongoing for several months with a property loss estimate in excess of \$100,000.

On January 3, 2004 at approximately 0005 hours, Deputy Quintin Hawkins located a suspicious vehicle parked in a vineyard in the area of Lincoln and Temperance. Sheriff deputies coordinated a perimeter and conducted a systematic search of the area. Deputies discovered a burglary to a shop had just occurred in the area of 5900 South Locan. The search of the area continued. Deputies located and arrested **Rangel** without incident, hiding in an irrigation standpipe in a nearby vineyard.

In an interview, **Rangel** confessed to **all** 53 burglaries. Detective's served two search warrants. One at a trailer home in the area of Central and Highway 99 and the other at a mini-storage facility in the city of Fresno. Detective's recovered several items of stolen property from both locations and the investigation is continuing. **Rangel** was booked into the Fresno County Jail on numerous Burglary charges.

Anyone requesting or reporting additional information regarding this investigation, please contact **Detective Mark Eaton**, (559) 488-3111 or Sergeant Robert Salazar (559) 488-3111.