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MEDIA ADVISORY: Ag Task Force Investigators Seek Subject For Theft Charges.

Investigators from the Ag Task Force are asking for the public's assistance in locating a Fresno man involved in numerous Ag related thefts. Wanted is 34 year old Eusebio Gamez Espinosa Jr.

The investigation began on January 12th, 2006 when deputies were dispatched to a residence located in the 2500 block of N. Polk Ave. regarding an assault with a deadly weapon call.

During that incident, the victim had returned home to discover the front gate to his business lot to be open and an unknown truck parked in his driveway. The victim parked his vehicle in front of the open gate and got the license plate of the unknown truck.

As the victim returned to his truck, someone got into the unknown truck and started driving it towards him. The unknown truck then rammed the victim's truck. Because he was standing beside the open door, the victim was knocked backwards towards the street. The unknown truck continued driving and purposely ran over the victim as he tried to regain his balance. As the victim fell back, he grabbed the front bumper of the unknown truck and was dragged into the roadway. The victim eventually let go of the bumper and the truck ran over his legs before fleeing.

As the victim lay in the roadway unable to move, he observed one of his pick up trucks coming down the driveway pulling one of his trailers with a Bobcat tractor on it. The truck drove down the driveway and out of the area.

As a result of the incident, the victim was taken to Saint Agnes for treatment of serious injuries.

Later that day, the victim's stolen pick up truck was located at the intersection of Brawley & Calimyrna.

Last week during the recovery of another stolen tractor, investigators developed information regarding the stolen Bobcat tractor and trailer.

On June 27th at approximately 5:30pm, investigators served a search warrant at a residence located in the 3700 block of N. Hayes Ave.

Investigators recovered the stolen trailer, a second trailer, another Bobcat tractor, and five additional pieces of equipment with an estimated value of over \$100,000.00.

The suspect, Eusebio Espinosa Jr. was not present at the residence during the service of the search warrant and is believed to be out of the country. He is being sought on charges of grand theft, possession of stolen property, and stolen vehicle. The investigation is continuing and more charges against Gamez may be pending.

Anyone with information on this case and/or the location of Eusebio Gamez is asked to contact Detective Nate Calk at 898-0667, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111, or CrimeStoppers at 498-STOP(7867).