



**Fresno County Sheriff's Office**  
**Margaret Mims, Sheriff**      **January 30, 2008**  
**News Release**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Arrest Made In Hot Prowl Burglary**

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims and the Fresno HEAT Team today announced the arrest of a Fresno man on charges of burglary, vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, and the unlawful use of a credit card. Arrested was 37 year old Jeffrey Randall Phariss.

On January 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately 7:30 am, deputies responded to a residence located in the 6000 block of N. Kavanaugh Ave. regarding a hot prowler burglary.

The victim reported that during the night, someone had broken into their garage while they were asleep. The suspects stole items from inside one of their vehicles including a golf set, and the victim's wallet containing his ID and several credit cards.

During the subsequent investigation, Sheriff's detectives learned that one of the credit cards had been used at a local gas station. Video surveillance showed that two vehicles, a Honda Civic and a Honda Ridgeline, got gas at the station shortly after the burglary.

It was later learned that the two vehicles depicted in the surveillance footage were stolen.

On January 29<sup>th</sup> at approximately 12:30 pm, Fresno HEAT investigators located a stolen Honda Civic in the area of Feland & McKinley. Their investigation led them to a residence located at 2193 N. Feland Ave. where they attempted to contact Phariss. Phariss ran from officers and a foot pursuit ensued. He was eventually caught and taken into custody without further incident.

**Officers then recovered a small bag that Phariss had discarded while attempting to flee. Inside the bag, officers discovered the victim's ID and credit cards taken during the Kavanaugh burglary.**

**Sheriff's detectives responded and served a search warrant at the Feland residence where the rest of the burglary victim's property was found.**

**Phariss was later booked into the Fresno County Jail.**

**Investigators are looking for a second suspect, 37 year old Rachael Marie Walker. She is described as white, 5-9/165 pounds with blond hair and hazel eyes. She is wanted on charges of vehicle theft and possession of stolen property.**

**Anyone with information regarding the burglary investigation is asked to contact the Detective Ryan Gilbert at 292-1104, or the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111.**

**Anyone with information on the vehicle theft is asked to contact Detective Randy Royal or Sgt. Leonard Sherman at 253-7045.**

**\*\*\*Photos attached\*\*\***