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Detectives Arrest Hot Prowl Burglar who Stole Tens of Thousands Worth of Coins & Jewelry

Property Crimes detectives with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office have booked Paul Whited, 47, of Riverdale into the Fresno County Jail. Whited faces felony charges of burglary and misdemeanor charges related to drug possession. His bail has been set at \$147,000.

Between August 8th and September 9th, property crimes detectives took reports of four different hot prowl burglaries occurring at homes in Riverdale. Locations included the 3700 block of W. Paloma Street, 4200 block of W. Mt. Whitney Avenue, 20000 block of S. Pendleton Street and 2600 W. Luna Drive. These happened at all hours of the day while the homeowners were inside their houses. However, none of the victims actually ever saw the suspect. During these burglaries, more than \$40,000 worth of items such as rare coins, bills and jewelry were taken. More than half of the total value of those items belonged to one victim.

Through the investigation, detectives identified Paul Whited as a possible suspect. On September 27th, detectives served a search warrant at Whited's home on the 21000 block of S. Marty Ave. in Riverdale. Inside, they found many items believed to have all been stolen. This included thousands of dollars in rare coins and bills belonging to the one victim who filed a report showing the largest loss. Detectives determined Whited was stealing in order to support his methamphetamine habit.

Detectives also found other items, which they believe belong to victims they have been unable to identify. These items include: Expensive

cigars, jewelry, coins, digital cameras and antique black powder revolvers. Detectives are releasing photos of these items in hopes of finding their rightful owners. If you think any of the items show belong to you, contact our detectives. Please have serial numbers of the items and a crime report or case number available for detectives to refer to so that they can cross reference it with the stolen item. You may call Sheriff's Office detectives George Razo at (559) 600-8172 or Carl Chalmers at (559) 600-8174.

Also, anyone with additional information about the suspect Paul Whited is asked to either contact the detectives listed above or Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-STOP (7867). All tips will remain anonymous and you may be eligible for a cash reward.

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