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Man Driving to Court for Auto Theft Hearing Gets Caught Driving a Stolen Truck

Fresno County Sheriff's deputies have booked 52 year old Timothy Lane of Dinuba into the Fresno County Jail. He is facing felony charges of auto theft and possession of stolen property. His bail is set at \$22,500.

At 7:00 am on Tuesday, Deputy Sheriff Todd Burk was on patrol when he identified a 2000 Chevy Silverado pickup truck as being stolen out of Delano. Deputy Burk made a traffic stop on the driver at Highway 99 and Mountain View Ave. in Selma. The driver was Timothy Lane. Lane told Deputy Burk that he was heading to court in Fresno to finalize a plea deal he had made with the District Attorney's Office. Lane was planning to accept 3 ½ years in jail for his involvement in a previous auto theft case. Lane claimed he did not know the truck he was driving was stolen. However, Deputy Burk was not buying his story as he could see the truck's ignition had been altered and a pair of pliers were being used to start the engine. Deputy Burk placed Lane under arrest.

The truck was towed to storage and arrangements are being made to return the vehicle to its rightful owner.

Anyone with additional information on Timothy Lane is asked to contact the Sheriff's Office at (559) 600-3111 or Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-7867. You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.