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Detectives Search for Tobacco Thieves Part of Large Burglary Series

Around 1:00 am on January 7th, a burglary took place at the Shell gas station located at 3610 W. Mt. Whitney Ave. in Riverdale. Surveillance video shows two men broke through the front door and triggered the security alarm. They both went behind the counter and loaded up plastic storage containers with dozens of packs of cigarettes and cans of chewing tobacco. Before leaving, they raided the snack rack, taking several candy bars and packs of gum. The total loss is estimated to be thousands of dollars.

The men arrived and left in a dark colored four door car. They covered themselves with hooded sweatshirts and masks. One suspect appears to be wearing black Air Jordan shoes.

Property crimes detectives are working with investigators at the Hanford Police Department, which has had several similar recent burglaries of business. The suspects in those cases match the descriptions of the thieves involved in our cases.

Anyone who knows the identity and / or the whereabouts of the suspects is asked to contact the Sheriff's Detective Aurelio Flores (559) 600-8172, Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-7867 or www.valleycrimestoppers.org. You will remain anonymous and may receive a cash reward. Also, please inform law enforcement if you come across tobacco products being offered in private sales, particularly on the internet.