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Jed McLaughlin, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: JANUARY 16, 2019
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: MOTION TIRE & WHEEL (120 S WARNER ST)
TYPE OF INCIDENT: CVC 10851(A) – VEHICLE THEFT
PC 148(A)(1) - RESIST/OBSTRUCT/DELAY PEACE OFFICER
PC 422 – CRIMINAL THREATS
PC 69 – RESIST PEACE OFFICER BY FORCE
SUSPECT: JANICE DIANE PRESTON (56 YEARS-OLD)



On 01/16/2019, at about 4:30 pm, a truck belonging to the business was stolen from Motion Tire. At about 8:45 pm that evening, a witness observed the stolen vehicle traveling in the 400 block of W. Church Ave. and followed it to a residence in the 200 block of S. Sunset Pl. Police were notified and the driver of the stolen vehicle was determined to be Janice Preston. Preston was initially taken into custody for vehicle theft.

After being arrested, Preston became physically resistive and actively resisted officer's efforts to put her in various patrol vehicles. She made several threats against the officers to kill or otherwise harm them. Preston also threatened to blow up the Police Department building.

Preston was transported to the Kern County Central Receiving Facility (CRF) in Bakersfield, CA where she was booked on the above listed charges.

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Jed McLaughlin - Chief of Police
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