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Police K9 Catches Little Caesar's Thief

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The following information is based on a preliminary, ongoing investigation which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records if available, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed

Three Bakersfield men are in custody after breaking into the Tulare Little Caesar's Pizza on North K Street in Tulare. Officers arrived on scene and witnessed the suspects inside the restaurant. They used a loudspeaker to call out the suspects, but received no response. They were then advised that a K9 would be utilized and two suspects came out.

The third suspect remained inside and did not come out. The suspect was found to be locked in a freezer inside. Officers asked Tulare Fire Department to respond for assistance in removing the door, which they did. Tulare Police K9 "Loki" then helped apprehend the suspect, James Johnson.

It's suspected that the three were trying to gain access to the business's safe as there were power tools located inside. The three suspects were booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility on various burglary charges. Johnson was treated at a local hospital prior to being booked.

The Tulare Police Department would like to thank the citizen who made the initial call and our friends over at the Tulare Fire Department.



Tulare Police K9 Loki



Arrested were:



Larry Davis, 51, of Bakersfield



Stephen Hawley, 41, Bakersfield



James Johnson, 35, of Bakersfield. Johnson is currently on probation for possession of stolen property and two active misdemeanor warrants out of Kern County for traffic and drug violations.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is urged to call the Tulare Police Department at any of the following numbers:

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