

# Placerville Police News Release



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## GEORGETOWN MAN ARRESTED FOR COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

### NEWS RELEASE

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**Placerville, CA** – Placerville Police arrest 32 year old Georgetown resident, Blake Thacker (DOB;06/19/1987) for commercial burglary.

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2:38 am, Placerville Police Officers were dispatched to a burglary alarm at Big 5 Sporting Goods located at 284 Placerville Drive. The alarm company reported multiple glass breaks and a male subject on the phone inside the store claiming to be “Jesus Christ”.

Officers arrived at the store within two minutes and confronted a hooded subject outside the front of the store near a white Subaru that was used to ram the front door of the business. The subject, who was later identified as Blake Thacker was not complying with officers’ commands. He retreated to his vehicle and closed the door. The officers quickly removed Thacker from his vehicle and took him into custody. Thacker was later booked at the El Dorado County jail for commercial burglary.

While reviewing store surveillance, officers observed Thacker drive the Subaru into the front doors of the store. This permitted him to gain entry into the store where he used a hatchet from inside the store to smash the glass display counter. Thacker ransacked the store in what appeared to be random acts of vandalism.

This incident appears to be related to an incident involving the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department earlier in the evening, where a man associated to a white Subaru had been banging on the doors at Walmart on Missouri Flat Road. He was reportedly demanding a firearm to kill someone.

This incident reinforces the valuable tool surveillance video and alarms are to law enforcement, for not only our business community, but residential community as well. The public is encouraged to visit our website at [www.placervillepd.com](http://www.placervillepd.com), to register their cameras. This will assist the police department in investigating criminal incidents.

The police department would like to thank Big 5 for their prompt response and cooperation with this incident. If anyone has any information concerning this case, please contact Placerville Police Department at (530)642-5210.