

If you experience a hive theft, immediately report it to local law enforcement and the CSBA.

Reported Total as of 2/16/2026: 856

RECOVERED: Ethan Rasmussen – February 2026

Stolen: 172 Hives, brand is RLB-WA697

Location: Gustine, Merced County

Date: February 6, 2026

Contact: 209-596-0047 or Merced County Sheriff, 209-385-7445

Update: Hives were recovered by a joint effort between the CSBA and the CA Rural Crime Task Force. Read press release [here](#).



192 Hives in Chowchilla – February 2026

Stolen: 192 hives, eight frame equipment (holds only 8 frames per story), hives have a 4 inch gape between hives in the center of the pallet.

Location: Chowchilla, East side of town, Madera County

Date: February 13 approximately, 2026

Contact: Madera County Sheriff, 559-675-7770



Noyes Apiaries – February 2026

Stolen: 80 hives, 10 frame double deeps, all white , 4 to pallet , NOYES brand on all boxes, all frames stenciled with Noyes or Noyes Apiaries Inc

Location: Dickinson Ave, Kerman California

Date: February 11, 2026

Contact: Nick Noyes, 208-739-3962 and Fresno County Sheriff, 559-600-3111



Alexandru Balic – February 2026

Stolen: 20 hives, green lines on sides
Location: Raisin City, Fresno County
Date: February 12, 2026
Contact: Fresno County Sheriff, 559-600-3111

**Dolores Apiaries – February 2026**

Stolen: 120 hives, Single hives colorful pink blue and purple
Location: W Kamm S, Calaveras Cantua Creek, Fresno County
Date: February 7, 2026
Contact: Dolores Apiaries, 559-856-4286 and Fresno County Sheriff, 559-600-3111

**Ryan Thomas – February 2026**

Stolen: 80 story and ½, THOMAS brand
Location: South of Mendota, Fresno County
Date: February 3, 2026
Contact: Ryan Thomas, 936-334-7823



Bob Brandi – February 2026**Stolen:** 120 Hives**Location:** Ave 5, Road 20, Madera County**Date:** February 4, 2026**Contact:** Madera County Sheriff, 559-675-7770

*****Eligible for the CSBA Member Hive Theft reward
up to \$10,000 if information is provided that leads to
a prosecution**

**NM Honeybees – February 2026****Stolen:** 72 Hives, Wooden boxes are marked with NFC etched into them painted light blue, white and green.

Case #26-008737

Location: Tulare County**Date:** February 2, 2026**Contact:** Tulare County Sheriff, 559-624-7000