

\$5,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO FELONY ARREST AND CONVICTION OF AVOCADO THIEVES

For Thefts in Progress Call 911

Do not confront suspects -- they may be dangerous. Report any suspicious activity you see in your neighborhood to local law enforcement authorities. If you are a victim of avocado theft, call your local deputy to take a report. For all non-emergency reports of theft or to report suspicious activity, contact your local sheriff:

Orange County Sheriff
(714) 647-7000

Riverside County Sheriff
(951) 776-1099 or (800) 950-2444

San Diego County:
Avocado Theft Program (760) 940-4350
or Sheriff Dispatch (858) 565-5200

San Luis Obispo County Sheriff
(805) 781-4550

Santa Barbara County Sheriff
(805) 681-4100

Carpinteria (805) 684-4561
After Hours (805) 683-2724

Ventura County Sheriff
Agricultural Detail (805) 477-7029
or Sheriff Dispatch (805) 654-9511

Tulare County Sheriff
(559) 733-6220

Take steps to secure your property and be especially vigilant during periods when thefts are more likely. Post anti-theft signs along your property boundaries. Durable metal anti-theft signs in English and Spanish are available from the Commission: (800) 344-4333, ext. 123.

Reward Offered for the Arrest and Conviction of Persons Involved in Avocado Theft

The California Avocado Commission (CAC) offers a reward of up to \$5,000, based upon the arrest and conviction of persons engaged in avocado theft. Reward monies are available for individuals who provide information that leads to the arrest and/or the conviction of anyone unlawfully taking, transporting, selling or in possession of California avocados. A reward can be claimed by anyone other than the grove owner or immediate family.

Rewards are based on the following guidelines:

CRIME	ARREST/RECOVERY	CONVICTION
Infraction	\$100	\$100
Misdemeanor	\$300	\$300
Felony	\$2500	\$2500

Avocado theft is a crime punishable with up to three years in State Prison and a fine up to \$10,000. CA Penal Code Section 487(b).

AVOCADO THEFT IS A CRIME

To be eligible for a reward, applicants must provide the following information: 1. Claimant's full names. 2. Claimant's social security number. 3. Claimant's current mailing address. 4. Names and address of current employer. 5. Copies of all crime incident reports or other law enforcement summaries of the occurrence. These documents must clearly reflect the claimant's involvement and eligibility for a reward, otherwise the claimants should provide the Commission with a letter from the investigating law enforcement agency verifying their involvement and eligibility. REQUESTS SHOULD BE MAILED TO: California Avocado Commission 38 Discovery, Suite 150 Irvine, CA 92618 FAX (949) 341-1970 Copies of the complete reward policy can be obtained from the California Avocado Commission at the above address or call (800) 344-4333, Ext. 123.