

Oakdale Police News Release



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Modesto Man Arrested for Series of Vandalism Incidents at Oakdale Community Park

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Oakdale, CA – On March 26th at 5:00 p.m. Oakdale PD officers arrested a man for felony vandalism after witnessing him defacing city property. Officers have received ongoing reports of graffiti at the Oakdale Community Skate Park located at 300 S. Yosemite Avenue. Officers contacted the man, 30-year-old Paul Gardner Smith of Modesto, and placed him under arrest for defacing and vandalizing city property. Smith admitted to vandalizing city property on two other occasions. Officers were able to link Smith to several vandalism incidents that took place dating back to January 19, 2021. The materials, equipment, and labor required to clean up the graffiti is valued over \$400.

Smith was placed under arrest for misdemeanor 594(A)(1) PC – Deface with Paint and felony 594(B)(1) PC – Vandalism causing more than \$400 in damages. Smith was transported and booked at Stanislaus County Public Safety Center on the above charges.