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Grass Valley Police Foil Check Fraud Ring

GRASS VALLEY, CA – On Thursday, April 3rd, Grass Valley Police executed a search warrant in connection with an ongoing Check Fraud investigation from March resulting in the arrest of two Nevada County residents.

On 3-3-08, Grass Valley Police Department took a report for identity theft and fraudulent check writing from Big 1 Appliance located at 1145 Sutton Way in Grass Valley. During the investigation, it was learned that a victim from Acampo, CA had her identity stolen and several checks were written throughout the Grass Valley, Nevada City, Auburn, and Folsom areas. Numerous businesses in those areas had been targeted by the suspects, who wrote fraudulent checks to purchase goods and services. The total amount of the fraudulent activity exceeded \$13,000.00.

Through the investigation, Grass Valley Police officers were able to identify two suspects involved in the activity. A warrant was written and executed in Penn Valley with the assistance of law enforcement personnel from the Nevada County Sheriff's Office, Nevada City Police Department, and the Folsom Police Department. Officers seized evidence indicative of check writing and the production of false CA Driver's Licenses as well as a list of numerous other victims of Identity Theft. Additionally, the warrant led to the recovery of a stolen vehicle from Stockton, CA.

Arrested were Daneen Margaret Carsella, 41 years old, and Katherine Anne Cameron, 53 years old, both from Penn Valley. Carsella was charged with 10851CVC and 11550 H&S. Cameron was charged with 11377 H&S. The investigation is continuing at this time.

Anyone having information on this or any other crime is encouraged to contact the Grass Valley Police Department at 530.477.4600.

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