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Grass Valley Police Bust Computer Theft Operation

GRASS VALLEY, CA – The Grass Valley Police announce the arrest of two persons in connection with the theft of personal computers reportedly stolen in February.

On 02-01-08, Grass Valley Police took a report regarding a laptop computer that was stolen from the Nevada County Behavioral Health Building - 500 Crown Point Circle. On the same day, Detectives were contacted by one of the employees from Nevada County Information Technology who advised of a phone call received from a subject in Lodi inquiring about a reward for two laptops.

Grass Valley Police Detectives, working in partnership with the Lodi Police Department and members of the Nevada County Narcotics Task Force, subsequently wrote and executed a search warrant at a residence in the City of Lodi. This effort led to the recovery of two laptop computers, desktop computers and associated peripherals & accessories along with information on the original suspects. Through additional follow-up investigation, Detectives were able to secure a warrant for a Nevada City residence and the arrests of Jennifer Diane Dean, 39 yrs, and Mark Ray Johnston, 41 yrs, both of Nevada City. Both Dean and Johnston were charged with 487 PC (Grand Theft), 496 PC (Receive or Concealing Stolen Property), and 182 PC (Criminal Conspiracy).

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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