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SUSPECTS ARRESTED FOR IDENTITY THEFT, DRUG CHARGES

PASO ROBLES, CA – On Tuesday, August 23, 2016, the Paso Robles Police Department initiated an investigation after being alerted to possible mail theft and drug use that had occurred at the La Quinta Inn in the 2600 block of Buena Vista Drive. Hotel staff notified the police department after finding what appeared to be discarded stolen mail and narcotics paraphernalia while cleaning a room after the guests had checked out. Patrol officers located the evidence as described and detectives began conducting a follow-up investigation.

The investigation revealed that the suspect had fraudulently rented the room using another person's identity. The victim of that identity theft, an adult male resident of Bakersfield, was provided with victim resource information and connected with the Bakersfield Police Department for follow-up on the mail theft.

On Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at approximately 3:30PM, detectives were notified by staff from the La Quinta Inn that the suspect who had rented the room in August was back at the hotel and had rented another room. Detectives and officers responded but the suspect had left the area. After a brief surveillance operation, the suspect was located along with his female companion. Both of these suspects were interviewed and ultimately arrested at the scene for identity theft and drug charges.

Detectives served a search warrant on the room that the suspects had rented and located numerous items of stolen mail, tools used to access postal service mailboxes, along with indicia of ongoing identity theft, items that had been fraudulently purchased, narcotics paraphernalia and approximately one ounce of methamphetamine. Detectives also searched the suspect's vehicle pursuant to the search warrant. In the vehicle, detectives located additional items of stolen mail, more indicia of ongoing identity theft, and a pistol that had been reported stolen in Bakersfield.

The investigation also revealed that the vehicle being used by the suspects had been fraudulently purchased by the male suspect from a local auto dealer, using the identity of the male victim from Bakersfield.

The suspects, both residents of Bakersfield, were identified as 44-year-old Vincent Buddy Tessandori and 28-year-old Destiny Maye Anderson. They were booked into the San Luis Obispo County Jail on the following charges:

Tessandori:

- Manufacture counterfeit access card (felony)
- Possess forged access card (felony)
- Identity theft (felony)
- Theft by forged access card (felony)
- Possess controlled substances for sale (felony)

Anderson:

- Manufacture counterfeit access card (felony)
- Possess forged access card (felony)
- Identity theft (misdemeanor)
- Fraudulent use of a credit card (felony)
- Possess controlled substances for sale (felony)
- Under the influence of a controlled substance (misdemeanor)



TESSANDORI, VINCENT BUDDY



ANDERSON, DESTINY MAYE

PRPD detectives secured search warrants for both suspects' residences in Bakersfield. Those warrants were served on Friday, September 9, 2016, but no additional evidence related to this investigation was located.

PRPD detectives collaborated with investigators from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (Los Angeles and Bakersfield offices) and the Bakersfield Police Department to complete this investigation.

This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call the Paso Robles Police Department at 805-237-6464. Persons wishing to remain anonymous are encouraged to call Crime Stoppers' 24-hour hotline at 549-STOP or by texting "SLOTIPS" plus your message" to CRIMES (274637).

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