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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

April 17, 2014

VPD Report Number: 14-03850 *****UPDATE*****

Date/Time Occurred: 3/29/14

Type of Incident: Commercial Burglary, Identity Theft, Grand Theft, Conspiracy

Location: 3750 S. Mooney Blvd.

Name of Business (if applicable):

Walmart Stores

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Sabina Sidhu

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Yes

2. Lisa Martin

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Yes

3. Christian Sandusky

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Yes

Details: On March 29, 2014, at approximately 1800 hours, Sabrina Sidhu entered the Walmart on S. Mooney Blvd in Visalia, with a pre-made fraudulent receipt for store merchandise. The suspect selected approximately \$2,400 in merchandise and attempted to return the items using the fraudulent receipt. Walmart store associates denied the return and contacted loss prevention who determined the receipt was fictitious. The suspect fled the store with \$2,400 worth of property.

An investigation into the suspect led to the identification of suspect Sidhu from Fresno. On Thursday, April 3, 2014, detectives from the Visalia Police Department with assistance from Central Valley Joint Fugitive Task Force, contacted and arrested Sabrina Sidhu in the city of Fresno. A search warrant was served at Sidhu's residence in the 4000 blk of N. Bengston, Fresno. Detectives located computers, printing material used to print fraudulent receipts, a large amount of unopened merchandise stolen from Walmart, and methamphetamine.

Walmart Loss Prevention was able to confirm the property recovered was stolen from Walmart stores located in Fresno, Hanford, and Visalia. Sidhu was booked into the Tulare County Jail under charges of commercial burglary, identity theft, grand theft, and conspiracy. Sidhu will also face charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of stolen property in Fresno County. The investigation is ongoing at this time.



UPDATE

Detectives continued the investigation into the commercial burglary ring and identified suspect Lisa Martin as being responsible for committing several commercial burglaries alongside suspect Sabina Sidhu. Lisa Martin was taken into custody by Visalia Police Detectives on April 10th, at her hotel room on N. Blackstone Ave., Fresno. Lisa Martin was booked into the Tulare County Jail on charges of commercial burglary, grand theft, identity theft, and conspiracy.

During the investigation, detectives learned Christian Sandusky (Sidhu's boyfriend) was responsible for manufacturing fake Walmart receipts and also committed commercial burglaries with Sidhu. On April 17, 2014, suspect Christian Sandusky was arrested at the Visalia Police Department for previous crimes. Upon his arrest, Sandusky was found to be in possession of stolen property that was taken from Walmart just prior to his arrival at the police department on April 16th. It was determined that Sandusky had recently committed the commercial burglary at Walmart in the city of Visalia using the same methods. Sandusky was in possession of over \$600.00 of stolen Walmart merchandise, fake Walmart receipts and drug paraphernalia. Sandusky responded to the Visalia Police Department with Sidhu to pick up personal property. Sabina Sidhu was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia.

Christopher Sandusky was booked into the Tulare County Jail on charges of commercial burglary, grand theft, conspiracy, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sabina Sidhu was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. Sidhu was cited and released.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Property Crimes Unit

Supervisor: Sergeant Watkins

