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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Andrew Kendl, Acting Sergeant
Report Number: FG1300919
Date / Time Incident: June 24, 2013 / 4:46 p.m.
Location of Incident: 310 N. Franklin Street
Crime or Incident: Sales of Methamphetamine, Possession of
Methamphetamine, Possession of
Paraphernalia, Counterfeiting, Resisting Arrest
Victim: State of California, Understuff, Coast Hardware,
Ocean View Lodge
Suspects: Tammy Aliff, 42 years of age from Santa Rosa
Manuel Flores, 39 years of age from Santa Rosa
Esmeralda Ponce, 31 years of age from Los Angeles
Nallely Nieblas, 27 years of age from Mexico

CIRCUMSTANCES: On June 24, 2013 at 4:46 p.m., Officer Guydan was dispatched to Understuff at 310 N. Franklin Street for a possible fraud case. After meeting with the reporting party he learned a male and two females entered the store and selected several clothing items. The male subject attempted to use a credit card to pay for the items; however it was declined. The male then paid for the items by check.

All three then exited the store and entered a Ford Mustang. The reporting party told Officer Guydan, after looking at the check closer she believed the check was fraudulent. She called the bank and they confirmed this.

The reporting party then contacted all three subjects inside the vehicle and demanded the property back. She was able to obtain one bag prior to them leaving the area, and also obtained the license plate number of the vehicle.

During this investigation Officer Guydan learned the possible suspects were staying in a local motel. He began checking the motels and located the vehicle inside the parking lot of the Ocean View Lodge. He met with the motel front office staff and they confirmed two rooms had been rented.

Officer Guydan and other officers went to one of the rooms where they contacted, Aliff, Flores, Ponce and Nieblas. After speaking to Nieblas and Ponce they stated they were with the male at Understuff. Both gave Officer Guydan the name of the male as "Eric Sihn."

A search of both rooms revealed approximately one ounce of suspected methamphetamine and other items to establish sales of methamphetamine. Officers then searched the Ford Mustang and located a computer, printer and blank paper to indicate they were making their own fraudulent checks.

Flores, Ponce, Nieblas and Aliff were arrested for possession and sales of methamphetamine and possession of items to make fraudulent checks. During the arrest of Aliff she became combative and resisted the officers. She was forced to the ground and restrained.

All four suspects were booked at the Fort Bragg Police Department and then later transported to Mendocino County Jail.

This department is still looking for "Eric Sihin" and this investigation is ongoing.

We believe that there are several more victims of fraud out there and these subjects have been traveling up and down the state committing these types of crimes.

A photograph of "Eric Sihn" is at the bottom of this press release. If anyone should see him, we ask that they please contact the Fort Bragg Police Department at 961-2800 or their local law enforcement agency.

Once the booking paperwork was completed all four suspects were transported to Mendocino County Jail for the above listed charges.



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