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Press Release

 Today's Date:
 2/1/2013

 Date Occurred:
 1/10/2013

 Submitted By:
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 Phone:
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 Case Number:
 2013-00499

Type of 530.5 PC – ID Theft

Crime/Incident:

Location: Solano and Sacramento County

Suspects: Koren Lamar, 40, Sacramento resident

RETIREMENT SYSTEM EMPLOYEE ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED IDENTITY THEFT

On Friday, February 1, 2013, Vacaville police arrested an employee of the state's public employee retirement system for alleged identity theft.

Police began their investigation into the incident January 23, 2013 after the victim reported that their personal information had been used numerous times to obtain a variety of loans without the victim's knowledge. The loans had all been applied for over a very short period of time.

During the investigation, officers discovered a connection to the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), from which the victim is currently receiving retirement benefits. Investigators believed that the personal information used in the loan applications was obtained from a CalPERS database. Detectives from Vacaville Police Department began working with CalPERS investigators on the case.

On Friday morning, investigators from the Vacaville Police Department's Investigative Services Section (ISS) served search warrants at two Sacramento locations: an apartment building in the 1000 block of Fulton Avenue and CalPERS offices on P Street. During the search, evidence was seized at both locations that led to the arrest of S-Koren Lamar, 40, of Sacramento. S-Lamar was booked into Solano County Jail on identity theft charges. S-Lamar (photo below) lived in an apartment on Fulton Avenue and is a CalPERS employee.

This is an ongoing investigation, although police believe S-Lamar was working alone and no other suspects are being sought. While detectives believe other victims may be discovered, they also believe the number of victims is relatively small. CalPERS is working with the victim in this case and assisting with any additional security measures that may be needed.

This case came to a quick and successful conclusion because the victim identified the crime quickly and reported it to police. The Vacaville Police Department want to remind citizens to make occasional inquires into their credit report and immediately report any suspicious activity.

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