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Press Release

Today's Date: January 23, 2014
Date & Time Occurred: January 4, 8, 17 & 21 of 2014
Submitted By: Sergeant Todd Dye
Phone: (707) 449-5200
Case Number: 14-0087, 14-00189, 14-00429 and 14-00523
Type of Crime/Incident: Theft from a person - 487 PC, Burglary – 459 PC, Identity Theft - 530.5 PC, Possession of Stolen Property – 496 PC, Forgery – 470 PC, Theft by Credit Card – 484g PC, and Probation Violation – 1203.2 PC
Location: 3000 Harbison Drive (Arrest Location)
Suspects: Synsaysha Shaunteek Thomas, 19, Sacramento resident

FACEBOOK ID BRINGS AN END TO SACRAMENTO TEEN'S CRIME SPREE

Vacaville police have arrested a 19-year-old Sacramento resident on a variety of charges after she was identified from a photograph posted on the City of Vacaville Police Department's Facebook account.

The arrest brought to an end a crime spree that covered almost three weeks and involved the theft of at least four wallets. Police arrested S-Synsaysha Shaunteek Thomas, 19, of Sacramento after she was spotted by an alert employee at another business who had seen a Facebook post on the Vacaville Police Department account asking for help from residents in identifying her as well as an accomplice.

The spree began on January 4, 2014 when a wallet was stolen out of a victim's purse while she was shopping at Safeway. A short time later the victim's credit cards were used at other local businesses.

S-Synsaysha Shaunteek Thomas struck unsuspecting victims at least four times in Vacaville. In addition to the incident at Safeway, S-Synsaysha Shaunteek Thomas struck on January 8th and January 17th at the Nugget Market and on January 21st at Sam's Club.

The general scenario in all four cases involved the victim shopping with their purse in their shopping cart. At some point S-Synsaysha Shaunteek Thomas would steal the wallet out of the purse while the victim was shopping. The suspect would then go to a nearby business and purchase goods with the stolen credit cards before the victim was aware and could cancel the credit cards. In most cases, the victims did not realize their wallet and credit cards had been stolen until they were checking out and attempting to pay.

After one of the thefts at the Nugget Market, a surveillance photograph of the suspect was posted on the Vacaville Police Department's Facebook page and assistance was requested in identifying the suspect. On January 21st, the suspect was in Target where she was recognized by an employee from the photograph of her on Facebook. Officers responded to Target a short

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time later and contacted S-Synsaysha Shaunteek Thomas. At the same time, there was a pending police call for service regarding the theft of a wallet from a purse at Sam's Club. When police contacted S-Synsaysha Shaunteek Thomas, she had in her possession the stolen credit cards from the Sam's Club incident. S-Synsaysha Shaunteek Thomas was in Target representing herself as the victim and was trying to use the stolen credit cards, even forging the victim's signature.

S-Synsaysha Shaunteek Thomas was arrested and booked into Solano County Jail in Fairfield for burglary (entering a business intending to commit a theft), theft from a person, theft by credit card, identity theft, possession of stolen property, forgery, and probation violation. S-Synsaysha Shaunteek Thomas was on active probation in Sacramento County for committing similar crimes.

Police investigation eventually connected S-Synsaysha Shaunteek Thomas to the earlier thefts of wallets and credit cards. On January 23rd, while in jail for the January 21st incident at Target and Sam's Club, she was arrested for the thefts in the other cases. S-Synsaysha Shaunteek Thomas' accomplice is still at large. Anyone with information about this case should contact Detective Adam Senf at (707) 449-5254.

The Police Department would like to remind citizens about some crime prevention tips. Be aware of your surroundings and what others around you might be doing. Keep the top of your purse closed, keep your purse secure, and always keep an eye on your purse. Many criminals look for crimes of opportunity. Don't give them that opportunity. We also appreciate those who follow us on Facebook and are willing to come forward when they have information about crimes.

Below is the picture of Thomas that was posted on FaceBook as well as her booking photograph from this incident.



Post arrest booking photo



Photo placed on FaceBook