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Two Adults and Three Juveniles Arrested for Shoplifting Spree

Pacifica, CA- On December 14, 2018 at approximately 7:20 PM a report of an attempted theft and subsequent vandalism of approximately \$1,000 in alcohol was reported at the Safeway in Linda Mar Shopping Center. The suspects, described as three African American females, and one African American male reportedly were attempting to leave the store with the stolen alcohol, when they were confronted by store employees. The suspects dropped the alcohol, and smashed other bottled merchandise on the ground as a distraction before running to a waiting car. The suspects were seen fleeing the area, northbound on State Route-1 in a newer white Chevrolet sedan.

While officers on the south end of Pacifica responded to the store, north end officers began checking shopping centers in their areas of responsibilities for the suspects.

An officer noticed a vehicle matching the description parked suspiciously near the Walgreens in Pacific Manor and stopped to investigate.

Subsequent investigation revealed that the driver of the car was involved in the theft. Another female adult, two female juveniles, and one male juvenile were also positively identified by witnesses as being responsible for the crime at the Safeway in Linda Mar Center. In addition, it was discovered that these same suspects had just committed a theft from Walgreens nearby.

All five suspects were arrested on the theft charges, conspiracy to commit theft, and the adults were charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors. Lavena Gonzalesquerubin, an 18 year old woman and Kailani Santiagofoster, a 19 year old woman, both from Daly City, were booked at the main jail in Redwood City.

One juvenile suspect was released to parents with a future criminal court date. Another juvenile suspect was found to be on probation from San Francisco County for prior criminal acts, and was booked into juvenile hall at the request of her Probation Officer. The third juvenile suspect was found to have lied about his name. Once his true identity was learned, it was determined that he, too, was on probation for a prior conviction in San Francisco County. His Probation Officer advised that this juvenile had, in fact, just been released from juvenile hall that morning. This juvenile suspect was also booked into juvenile hall at the request of his Probation Officer.

This is another example of our alert officers interacting with not only our community and businesses, but also with law enforcement resources outside of our City to identify and arrest criminals.

Cases 18-3709 and 18-3711.

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