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PRESS RELEASE

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Spree Shoplifters in Custody

Pacifica, CA- On January 21, 2019 at approximately 3:00 PM, officers from the Pacifica Police Department were dispatched to the Walgreens store located at 520 Palmetto Avenue for a shoplifting that just occurred. The suspects were described as 3 black females in their 20's. The females were seen taking cosmetic items and fleeing the store without paying for the items. The suspects entered a newer model Honda Civic and were last seen driving westbound on W. Manor Drive.

At approximately 3:23 PM, a Pacifica officer observed a newer blue Honda Civic matching the description of the suspect vehicle driving northbound Oceana Boulevard near Monterey Road. The officer followed the Honda and conducted a traffic stop in the parking lot of Fairmont Shopping Center. The vehicle was occupied by 4 black females and 1 black male. The Walgreens store manager positively identified 2 female adults and 1 female juvenile as the suspects in the theft. Stolen property that was located in the females' purses was also identified by the store manager. The suspect vehicle was searched and additional suspected stolen property was located. An investigation later determined the suspects were involved in thefts from two other stores in Pacifica.

The suspects were arrested on the following charges:

Gregory Lawrence, a 21 year old San Francisco resident- 459.5(a) PC Shoplifting and 182(a) (1) PC. Conspiracy to Commit a Theft.

Melody Ahlam, a 19 year old San Francisco resident- 459.5 (a) PC, Shoplifting, 182(a) (1) PC, Conspiracy to Commit Theft, 14601(a) CVC, & 14601.5(a) CVC, Driving on a Suspended License.

Gabriela Hernandez, a 19 year old San Francisco resident- 459.5 (a) PC, Shoplifting and 182(a)(1) PC, Conspiracy to Commit a Theft.

Tamia Alefosio, an 18 year old San Francisco resident- 459.5(a) PC, Shoplifting and 182(a)(1) PC, Conspiracy to Commit a Theft.

17 year old juvenile San Francisco resident- 459.5(a) PC, Shoplifting and 182(a) (1) PC, Conspiracy to Commit a Theft.

Persons with information regarding this crime are asked to call the Pacifica Police Department at 650-738-7314, or the Silent Witness Tip Line at 650-359-4444. Online crime tips may also be submitted on our website at <http://www.cityofpacifica.org/depts/police/default.asp> .

Refer: Pacifica Police Cases 19-0218, 19-0219, 19-0220, and 19-0221

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