



MEDIA RELEASE

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Incident: Residential Burglary, Elder Abuse, and Conspiracy

Location: Pacific View Mall & 900 Block of S. Kimball Rd.

Date/Time Occurred: 3/22/18 1830 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol and Street Crimes Unit Detectives

Suspect(s): 1. Elva Sandoval 39 years, Oxnard resident
2. Lee Sivoraraj 41 years, Vagrant

Report #: 18-00418

Narrative:

On 1/10/18 at approximately 2000 hours, Ventura Police Patrol Officers responded to a report of residential burglary in the 100 Block of South Ventura Ave. The victim of the burglary was an elderly woman with physical disabilities. The victim and her caretaker, Elva Sandoval, went shopping in the afternoon. They returned home and found the victim's residence ransacked with multiple valuables taken. Officers were able to review video surveillance surrounding the victim's apartment, which showed Sandoval prop open a secure door to the building before leaving with the victim. Seconds later, a male suspect entered the victim's apartment and is later seen exiting with stolen items in hand.

During the investigation, detectives identified Lee Sivoraraj as the male suspect seen on the surveillance video. Additionally, detectives found further evidence that showed Sandoval and Sivoraraj conspired together to commit the residential burglary.

On 3/22/18, detectives conducted surveillance in an attempt to locate both suspects. At approximately 1830 hours, detectives and patrol officers located and arrested the caretaker, Elva Sandoval, at the Pacific View Mall. Approximately two hours later, detectives located and arrested Lee Sivoraraj near the 900 Block of S. Kimball Rd. Both suspects were arrested and booked at the Ventura County Jail for residential burglary, elder abuse, and conspiracy. Sandoval was specifically booked for 368(e) PC- theft from an elder by a caretaker.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.