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Incident: Identity Theft, Commercial Burglary Arrest

Location: 3075 E. Main St Ventura

Date/Time Occurred: 11/30/20 @ 1000 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol, Ventura Police Street Crimes Unit (SCU)

Suspect(s): Wimberley, Eric (DOB 6/24/95) vagrant
Preciado, Lisa (DOB 7/24/70) vagrant
Martinez, Shawntelle (DOB 5/21/77) vagrant

Report #: 20-77004 Commercial Burglary at Pacific View Mall
20-77878 Identity Theft

Narrative:

On 11/30/20, Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Detectives (SCU) began an investigation into Eric Wimberley, who was a suspect in several uses of stolen credit cards over the weekend. During the investigation, SCU located Wimberley at a motel in Ventura along with Lisa Preciado and Shawntelle Martinez. Preciado was also a suspect in identity theft using credit cards stolen from unlocked vehicles over the weekend. Martinez was a suspect of a commercial burglary from the Pacific View Mall.

While searching the motel room, detectives located the stolen credit cards, property purchased with the stolen credit cards, stolen property, and identification from the victims of thefts from unlocked vehicles.

Wimberley and Preciado were arrested for multiple counts of Identity Theft. Martinez was arrested for Commercial Burglary. All three were transported and booked at the Ventura County Jail.

A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows that Wimberley has prior convictions for grand theft, identity theft with a prior conviction for identity theft, and petty theft. Preciado has previous convictions for possession of a controlled substance and identity theft with a prior conviction of identity theft. Martinez has prior convictions for shoplifting, giving false information to a police officer, and petty theft.

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.

The credit cards used by Wimberely and Preciado were all taken from unlocked vehicles. The Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit would like to remind everyone to lock their cars and not leave anything of value in their vehicles. Especially during the Holiday Season, remember to safeguard your credit cards and property. If you think you are a victim of Identity Theft, contact your bank and credit card company.

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