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Media Advisory

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Subject: Arrest of Elder Abuse Suspect

Case Number: N/A

Details:

On April 29, 2015 at approximately 8:30 a.m., detectives from the Westminster, Fountain Valley, and Huntington Beach Police Departments, along with the US Marshals Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force; which is comprised of state and local agencies including the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and Riverside County District Attorney's Office, arrested forty-seven year old Lance C. Lamb of Riverside County on a warrant for a parole violation. He was arrested without incident outside his motel room at the Motel 6 located at 705 S. Beach Blvd in Anaheim, CA.

Between April 14, 2015 and April 28, 2015, Lamb approached elderly females between the ages of seventy-eight and ninety-five in the cities of Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster with two separate ruses, which allowed him to distract them and take their purses containing credit cards and money. He would then use the credit cards to make fraudulent purchases.

In several of the cases investigated, Lamb pulled up alongside of an elderly female victim while driving and say an accident had occurred involving their vehicle and his and would then ask the woman to pull over to exchange information. After they pulled over, he would distract the elderly victim and take her purse from her car and leave.

In other cases, Lamb went to mobile home parks, contacted the female resident and advised he was with a company that originally did some construction within the park and needed to check the water pipes. Once inside the house, he would distract the resident, locate her purse, take it and leave. The credit cards belonging to the victims would later be used to make fraudulent purchases.

With limited information to work with, investigators were able to use evidence gathered at one of the Huntington Beach crime scenes to identify Lamb. In an effort to locate Lamb, information was shared with both the US Marshals Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force and other local agencies who were investigating similar cases. They developed information which led to a Westminster Police Department officer locating Lamb at the above listed motel.

With the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Task Force, Lamb was taken into custody at the location. Several pending cases for robbery, elder abuse, burglary, and identity theft in Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster will be presented to the Orange County District Attorney's Office for filing.



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Currently, eight crimes have been reported by known victims. The Huntington Beach Police Department believes there may be additional victims of Lamb's criminal activity. We ask anyone who may have been a victim of one of these crimes to contact Detective Lewis at 714-536-5961. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to the Huntington Beach Police Information Hotline at 714 375-5066.