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Two Arrested in Lottery Scam Thefts

Riverside, CA - On Saturday, April 14, 2012, patrol officers from the Riverside Police Department detained several individuals associated with a vehicle that had been tied to a recent lottery scam. The victim was conned out of almost \$25,000 in cash. Detectives from the Robbery / Homicide Unit recently put an alert out on a 2001 Gold Lincoln Navigator with a Texas license plate. The vehicle was used in this crime. The vehicle was located by patrol officers in the Walmart parking lot on Day Street in Riverside. The individuals contacted with the vehicle were detained and Robbery / Homicide detectives responded to conduct a follow-up investigation. Two arrests were made as a result of that investigation.

Over a two-week period beginning March 16, a 44 year old man, who is mentally impaired and an adult dependent, was conned into making several cash withdrawals from his bank which totaled nearly \$1000 and then was convinced to make cash advances on his credit card. He was convinced to makes the cash advances at two area casinos after being told he had won a lottery. The cash advances totaled nearly \$24,000.

Detectives arrested a father and daughter,

Sammy George, 50, a transient, for 532(a) PC, Theft by Fraud, 368(d) PC, Theft from a Dependent Adult, 182 PC, Conspiracy, and 459 PC, Burglary.

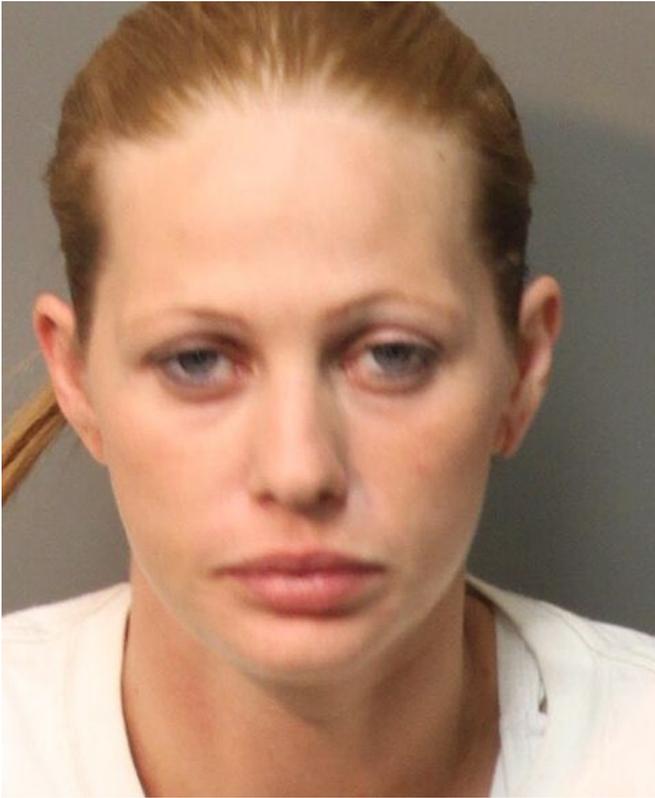
Cindy Elsner, 31, a transient, for 532(a) PC, Theft by Fraud, 368(d) PC, Theft from a Dependent Adult, 182 PC, Conspiracy, and Violation of Parole. Cindy Elsner is currently on parole for burglary in Los Angeles County.

Both suspects were booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center in downtown Riverside.

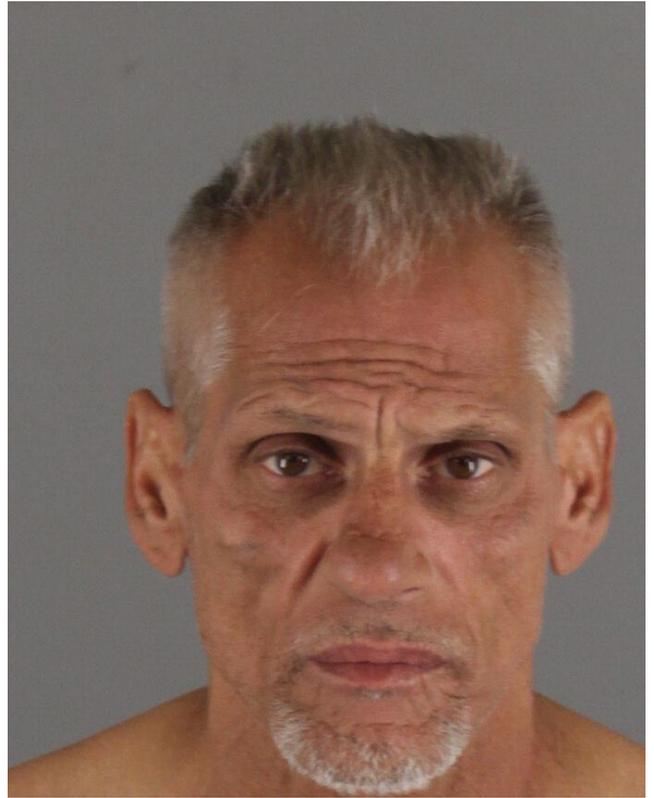
Detectives believe there may be additional people in the area who may have been victimized by these suspects. Anyone with information on these suspects is asked to

contact Detective Dave Smith at (951) 353-7103 or Detective Greg Rowe at (951) 353-7136.

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Cindy Elsner



Sammy George