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80 Year Old Woman Assaulted in Home – Arrest Made

Riverside, CA – On February 25, at about 0809 hours, a 9-1-1 call was received by the Riverside Police Department reporting that an 80 year old woman had been found in her home by neighbors, stabbed and badly beaten. This location is a mobile home park (The Meadows) at 4000 Pierce in the La Sierra Neighborhood of Riverside. The woman was treated by Riverside Fire Department and American Medical Response (AMR) paramedics at the scene. She was transported to a local hospital for treatment. She is currently in serious but stable condition with multiple stab wounds and blunt force trauma to her body.

Patrol officers had responded to two other calls at 0603 and 0621 hours at two different mobile homes in the same park. At 0603 hours, a resident reported their shed had been broken into by unknown persons early this morning. At 0621 hours, residents in another home reported a white female, about 25 years old, had been in their home and had stabbed their dog. A search for the suspect was conducted at that time by patrol officers and the suspect was not located.

Detectives from the Robbery / Homicide Unit responded along with technicians from the Forensic Evidence Unit to investigate these crimes. It was determined the 80 year old woman's vehicle was taken during what was believed to be a home invasion robbery. Another car next door to her home had also been tampered with. Detectives believe all four incidents are related and believed to have been committed by the same suspect.

The victim's vehicle is a 1995 Toyota Camry, white in color, California Disabled License Plate "DP L2518"

An arrest was made in this case early this morning by the Inland Regional Apprehension Team (IRAT) whose members include the FBI, Riverside Police, San Bernardino Police and the Riverside County Sheriff's Office. Riverside Robbery / Homicide detectives were able to identify a suspect and IRAT assisted in locating and arresting the suspect. IRAT was assisted in the arrest by deputies from the Riverside Sheriff's Department and that department's helicopter.

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Shannon Lynn Jones, 25, of Bishop, CA.(photo attached), was arrested after a short vehicle pursuit in the Wildomar area of Riverside County at about 2 AM this morning. She was driving the victim's 1995 Toyota Camry during the pursuit and after crashing the vehicle, she ran away on foot. After a short search of the area, she was located and taken into custody without incident. Shannon Jones was transported to the Riverside Police Department for questioning and processing.

Shannon Jones will be booked into the Riverside County Jail for attempted murder, home invasion robbery, burglary, animal cruelty and vehicle theft.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to call Detective Jim Simons at 951.353.7138.

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