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WOMAN ARRESTED FOR LARGE SCALE MAIL THEFT

RIVERSIDE, CA – A Riverside woman was arrested on Wednesday, March 8th for multiple counts of mail theft that included close to a thousand victims from the City of Riverside. She was implicated in multiple cases of mail theft and was on active probation for the same crime.

A Riverside Police detective, who specializes in mail theft, was working leads on multiple mail theft cases that have occurred in the Orangecrest and Mission Grove areas. He had descriptions and surveillance video, of a woman and her vehicle (a white Acura with no plates) involved in multiple cases. The break in the case came when a citizen posted their own video on social media of the woman who committed the theft. Another citizen recognized the woman, and notified the Riverside Police Department of her identity.

Detectives contacted Cassandra CONNEY (27 years old) of Riverside at her home in Riverside. There she was found with over twenty stolen credit cards, stolen checks, identity theft documents, social security cards, ledgers, and mail taken from residents in the Orangecrest and Mission Grove neighborhoods. Preliminary investigation shows mail and property from almost a thousand different victims. Ms. Conney was also in possession of illegal drugs that were within reach of an 3 month old child.

Ms. Conney was arrested and booked for multiple counts of identity theft, possession of stolen credit cards, possession of over ten pieces of stolen mail, possession of drugs, and child endangerment. Detectives have been collaborating with Federal Postal Inspectors, and we are hoping to secure federal charges in the case.

"We are taking these mail theft cases seriously, with the public's help; we can make a serious dent in the frequency of these crimes. When citizens get involved, we all win. I



am very appreciative of the tip received in this case and I am proud to help bring some of these theft investigations to a conclusion" says Detective Mutuku.

Mail theft has been an emergent issue over the last several years. We ask everyone to stay aware in your neighborhoods, report suspicious activity, and pick up your mail every day from your mail box. If you are a victim of mail theft, or identity theft, please report it to the police department. If anyone recognizes this person from a theft in their neighborhood, please contact Detective Mutuku at 951-353-7241.

