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## **IDENTITY THEFT SUSPECT ARRESTED**

RIVERSIDE, CA – On January 8, 2016, a male subject entered the Zales Jewelry Store and purchased an engagement ring valued at \$3,407.58. The male subject, identified as Jesus Martinez of Riverside, CA, used a credit card that was later discovered to have been stolen during a separate mail theft incident in the 10600 block of Diana Avenue. Extensive follow-up was conducted which led the team of officers and detectives to a residence located in the 4100 block of Polk Street. Upon arriving at the residence, they located and arrested Jesus Martinez. In addition, a search of his residence resulted in locating stolen mail, credit cards, personal bank checks, and the receipt to the previously mentioned transaction at Zales. During the investigative interview, the suspect confessed to the crime and told the officers where he had pawned the engagement ring. The ring was located and Zales was notified. The suspect was charged with Grand Theft, Possession of Stolen Property, and Identity Theft. He was booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center. The investigation is ongoing as detectives now try and contact the owners of the stolen property.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Sergeant Carlos Flores at 951-353-7963 or Detective Josh Sturdavant at 951-353-7945.

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