



Press Release

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REDONDO BEACH, California

On March 23, 2006, Redondo Beach Police Detectives executed a search warrant at 1937 Orchard Avenue in Los Angeles. Detectives were searching the residence of Heather Adams for evidence in an extensive identity theft case. Adams, who had had been recently arrested for identity theft and was out on bail pending arraignment, was believed to still be in possession of contraband from her original crime. Once in her residence, detectives contacted Adams and an additional suspect, identified as Jesus Silvia.

A search of the residence revealed a vast amount of evidence including false identifications from various states; identification manufacturing equipment; victims' personal information; merchandise that had been fraudulently obtained; methamphetamine and supplies for selling the drug; and hundreds of copies of checks made out to the Los Angeles County Animal Control. It was later determined that Silva was a recent employee of Los Angeles County Animal Control.

Further investigation revealed that Silva and Adams had been working in collusion with each other. Adams was manufacturing identifications to match the names on the checks, printing counterfeit checks in the victims' names, and then passing them at various Los Angeles area stores. This is still an ongoing investigation and Redondo Beach Police Detectives are investigating whether additional Los Angeles County Animal Control employees may be involved.

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