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Media Release

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Re: A Caretaker Arrested for Scamming over \$5,600 from an Elderly Female

Date: October 27, 2011

Case Number: 2011-24661

Victim Information:

Ruth Reilly, w/f, DOB: 04/06/1937 (74 Years-Old)

Suspect Information:

Kelly Marie Dunn, w/f, DOB: 03/07/1967
5233 US Highway 98 N
Lakeland, FL 33809

Charges:

Ct1-Trafficking in Oxycodone
Ct2-Exploitation of Elderly/Disabled Adult
Ct3-8-Fraudulent Use of Credit Card
Ct 9-Dealing in Stolen Property.

Ruth Reilly is an elderly female who is confined to a wheelchair for mobility. Ruth requires a caretaker to help her with her daily activities. Kelly Dunn was Ruth's caretaker.

Ruth reported that on 07/09/2011 she gave Kelly Dunn her credit card and asked her to pick up her (Ruth's) prescription from the CVS in Brooksville. Kelly never returned with Ruth's prescription or credit card and has not been seen or heard from since 07/09/2011. Ruth also reported four fraudulent transactions on her July credit card statement. After going through the entire year's credit card statements, Ruth identified a total of 145 fraudulent transactions, totaling \$5,647.15, on two of her credit cards. Through investigation, several pieces of evidence were obtained, to include video surveillance from multiple establishments, indicating that Kelly was using Ruth's credit cards. It was apparent that over the several months that Kelly was working for Ruth, Kelly was using Ruth's credit cards, without Ruth's permission or knowledge, to make purchases for herself which included gas, food, groceries, clothing, beauty supplies, plane tickets, vacations, etc.

Multiple attempts to locate Kelly within Hernando County were made, but she eventually fled to Lakeland, FL. On the evening of 10/25/2011, an anonymous tip was received that Kelly was staying at 11199 Allwood St, Spring Hill. Detective Mormando and patrol units were able to locate Kelly at that address at which time Kelly was taken into custody.

Post Miranda, Kelly told Detective Mormando that Ruth was aware of all of the purchases that she made and that Ruth had given her permission to use her (Ruth's) credit card. The detective quickly pointed out some of Kelly's inconsistencies, at which time she invoked her right to an attorney and the interview was terminated. Kelly was booked in at the Hernando County Detention Center where she is currently being held on a total bond of \$50,000 for the above listed charges.

"As I have said before, victimizing our county's most vulnerable senior citizens will always result in a priority response from my office," said Sheriff Al Nienhuis.