Media Release

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Re: Arrest Made in Identity Theft/Grand Theft

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On 10-04-12, Candice Banville reported that her Sears MasterCard was stolen from the mailbox at her grandfather's residence on Acorn Circle in Spring Hill. Ms. Banville advised that the only person with access to the residence during the time frame of the theft was Aileen Torres, H/F DOB/01-22-86, a caretaker for Banville’s elderly grandfather.

Detectives in the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office Economic Crimes Unit took over the investigation. They found the following fraudulent transactions on the stolen credit card:

- 09-16-12 – Da Hookah Lounge – 1239 Kass Cr. Spring Hill - $12.50
- 09-17-12 – Discount Cigarette Outlet – 1237 Kass Cr. Spring Hill - $57.80
- 09-17-12 - Discount Cigarette Outlet – 1237 Kass Cr. Spring Hill - $41.00
- 09-19-12 - Discount Cigarette Outlet – 1237 Kass Cr. Spring Hill - $24.00
- 09-20-12 – Hess – 3495 Deltona Bv. Spring Hill – $42.95
- 09-20-12 – Hess – 3495 Deltona Bv. Spring Hill – $202.95
- 09-20-12 - Discount Cigarette Outlet – 1237 Kass Cr. Spring Hill - $22.50
- 09-20-12 - Discount Cigarette Outlet – 1237 Kass Cr. Spring Hill - $29.75
- 09-22-12 – Da Hookah Lounge – 1239 Kass Cr. Spring Hill - $20.38
- 09-22-12 – Da Hookah Lounge – 1239 Kass Cr. Spring Hill - $21.96
- 09-23-12 – Exxon Mobile Lounge – 4275 Mariner Bv. Spring Hill - $36.00
- 09-24-12 – ATM Withdrawal – Unknown Location - $42.95
- 09-24-12 – ATM Withdrawal – Unknown Location - $22.95
- 09-24-12 - Discount Cigarette Outlet – 1237 Kass Cr. Spring Hill - $44.50
- 09-25-12 – Da Hookah Lounge – 1239 Kass Cr. Spring Hill - $47.57
- 09-26-12 – Tito’s Pizza – 1233 Kass Cr. Spring Hill - $25.51
- 09-26-12 – Now & Then Thrift Shop – 7349 Spring Hill Dr. Spring Hill - $150.00
- 09-26-12 – Walgreens – 7305 Spring Hill Dr. Spring Hill - $18.50
- 09-26-12 – Walgreen’s – 7305 Spring Hill Dr. Spring Hill - $182.67  
- The total amount in fraudulent transactions was $1070.15

Detectives continued their investigation, gathering video surveillance of some of the fraudulent transactions and conducting an interview with Aileen Torres. Torres positively identified Cody Ryan Whitney W/M DOB/08-17-90 as the subject in the surveillance video. She advised that she allowed him to stay at the residence on Acorn Circle while she was caring for the victim’s grandfather.

On 11-19-12 deputies responded to 8039 Spring Hill Dr. in Spring Hill and made contact with Whitney. He was placed under arrest for Grand Theft and Identity Theft. His bond was set at $10,000. He was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center without incident.

On 11-20-12 Detective Ed Ciccone interviewed Whitney at the Hernando County Detention Center regarding this case. Post Miranda, he admitted to making the charges at Walgreens and being the person on the video, but he denied stealing the credit card.