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<u>Media Release</u>

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Re: Arrests Made in String of Vehicle Burglaries Spanning Multiple Counties – 2023-29080

Date: November 3, 2023

On 10-27-2023, Hernando County Sheriff's Office detectives received information from the staff at Target, located at 4401 Commercial Way in Spring Hill, advising that an individual identified as Laquada Tamia Davis DOB/05-25-1992, who is known to have several active warrants out of Hernando County, was currently in the store making purchases.

Detectives and patrol deputies responded to the area and found that Davis had left the Target store, but were able to locate her vehicle entering the nearby Lowe's parking lot. Detectives, in unmarked vehicles, were able to follow Davis and observe her as she exited her vehicle and entered the store.

Davis was observed as she completed a large purchase, fraudulently utilizing a credit card which had been recently stolen in a vehicle burglary in Hernando County. While still in the store, Davis spotted law enforcement deputies and attempted to flee, actively resisting detainment, but was quickly restrained and taken into custody.

Davis was found to be in possession of stolen property which included several credit and debit cards which had been reported stolen from nearby vehicle burglaries.

While law enforcement was entering the Lowe's store to pursue Davis, another party, identified as **She'Maliz Olivia Toccara May DOB/04-24-1993**, exited Davis' vehicle and attempted to run into the store to warn Davis of the law enforcement presence. As deputies remained in the parking lot observing the vehicle, May was quickly taken into custody without incident.

A currently unknown third suspect fled the scene while law enforcement detained both Davis and May.

Neither Davis nor May would speak to detectives, both refusing to cooperate with the investigation.

When detectives approached Davis' vehicle, they were able to view numerous pieces of personal identification information, wigs, clothing and other items utilized to disguise one's appearance, through the closed windows.

The vehicle was then secured, sealed, and towed to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office where a search warrant was written and submitted for approval.

On 10-30-2023, detectives obtained and executed the search warrant which resulted in the discovery of evidence such as Target shopping bags containing the merchandise that was fraudulently obtained, numerous different style hair wigs, medical facial masks that match those observed being worn by Davis in store video surveillance footage.

In addition, clothing matching the description of the 3rd suspect was recovered.

Detectives have been in ongoing communication with several agencies for related offenses in other jurisdictions. Evidence recovered from the vehicle has been connected to Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office cases involving the same vehicle and suspects. Multiple personal belongings from Hillsborough victims will be able to be returned to their owners.

As a result of this investigation, 11 Hernando County cases, totaling between \$5,000 and \$10,000 worth of fraud, will be closed with the arrest of this offender. Davis had specifically targeted vehicles at Weeki Wachee Springs and Silverthorn Country Club, seeking places where items would be left unmonitored for an extended period of time. The investigation with other agencies is still ongoing.

The following agencies have open cases with Davis being the primary suspect:

Hernando County Sheriff's Office Citrus County Sheriff's Office Pasco County Sheriff's Office Orange County Sheriff's Office Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office St. Lucy County Sheriff's Office Martin County Sheriff's Office Current charges are as follows:

LAQUADA TAMIA DAVIS – No Bond

- (7 COUNTS) FRAUD-IMPERSON, USE/POSSESS ID OF ANOTHER PERSON WITHOUT CONSENT
- (5 COUNTS) BURGLARY, UNOCCUPIED CONVEYANCE UNARMED
- (1 COUNT) FRAUD ILLEGAL USE CREDIT CARDS, USE MORE THAN 2 TIMES WITHIN 6 MONTHS
- (1 COUNT) OBSTRUCTION/RESISTING AN OFFICER WITHOUT VIOLENCE

SHE'MALIZ OLIVIA TOCCARA MAY – Bond \$2,000

• (1 COUNT) - PUBLIC ORDER CRIMES, ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT

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You may also submit your tip via the internet at <u>http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com</u>.

You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 cash!