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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Stolen Mail Located During Probation Search

On April 9, 2016, at 8:00 a.m., Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department conducted a probation search at a residence in the 600 block of W. Parr Avenue in Los Gatos. Contacted inside the residence were OLENA GUTSA (38) of Los Gatos, and ELIAS CASTENEDA (34) of San Jose. During the probation search, officers recovered a sizable amount of stolen mail from La Rinconada Drive, Greenfield Place, Mulberry Drive, Wedgewood Avenue, Lorain Place, Golf Links Drive and Clearview Drive in Los Gatos, as well as surrounding cities: Campbell, San Jose and Sunnyvale. Stolen property and narcotics paraphernalia were also recovered.

OLENA GUTSA (38) was arrested for Possession of Stolen Property (PC 496) and Violation of Probation (PC 1203). ELIAS CASTENEDA (34) was arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (HS 11364) and an outstanding warrant. GUSTA and CASTENEDA were booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail. Detectives will be conducting additional investigation and contacting the owners of the recovered stolen mail.

Mail theft often leads to further victimization, such as identity theft, fraudulent use of credit cards, and check fraud. Be sure to monitor your bank accounts, credit card accounts, and credit reports carefully for signs of suspicious activity. If you suspect you may have been a victim of mail theft, notify police immediately.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department at (408) 354-8600.

The Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department reminds the community to be vigilant witnesses to these types of incidents in their neighborhoods, and encourages them to contact the police immediately when suspicious subjects or activities are observed. In addition, the Department encourages citizen participation in the "Los Gatos On Watch" program. This program partners the Police Department with the community in identifying surveillance camera locations present in many of our local residences. These cameras may capture incidents of crime assisting and expediting investigations, leading to the arrest of persons involved in illegal activities. For more information on this program or to register, please visit: www.JoinOnWatch.com.

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