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**TYPE OF CRIME:** Grand Theft

**LOCATION:** 400 block of Arleta Avenue

**CASE NUMBER:** 07-289-1053

**DATE:** 11-15-07 **TIME:** 7:00AM

**VICTIMS:** Numerous

**SUSPECT #1:** Renetha Shalee THOMAS

**AGE:** 33 years

**BOOKING CHARGES:** Grand Theft, Possession of Stolen Property, Parole Violation

**SUSPECT #2:** Pablita Adasa WALTON

**AGE:** 24 years

**BOOKING CHARGES:** Grand Theft, Possession of Stolen Property

**DETAILS:**

On November 15, 2007, Investigators from the San Jose Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit served a search warrant in the 400 block of Arleta Avenue, San Jose. Two suspects were arrested for Grand Theft, Possession of Stolen Property and Parole Violation. The suspects had been identified as being involved in at least fifteen (15) Grand Theft cases in San Jose. The suspects would take victims' wallets from their unattended purses, left in shopping carts. The suspects would then use the victim's credit cards to purchase merchandise and gift cards at various stores.

Anyone who may have been a victim of similar thefts should contact Detective Jenni Byrd of the San Jose Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit at (408) 277-4521. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at (408) 947-STOP.

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Holiday Shopping Alert**

The San Jose Police Department Financial Crimes Unit is investigating a series of grand thefts involving women's wallets. The victims' wallets have been taken from purses left unattended while the victims have been shopping. The thieves then use the victims' credit cards to make purchases at various stores that same day.

Individuals should not leave their purses or wallets unattended while shopping. During the upcoming Holiday Season, criminals will be looking for the opportunity to victimize individuals that do not take precautions to minimize their risk of theft. Only carry a minimal amount of credit cards when out shopping. Do not carry your Social Security Card or PIN numbers in your wallet or purse, leave these items in a secure place at home. Taking the extra time to close your purse and keep it with you while shopping or in public places will reduce the opportunity for thieves to take wallets and other valuables. Do not leave your purse or other valuables in plain sight unattended in your vehicle. Secure them in the trunk.

Individuals who are victims of similar types of theft should make a police report and contact their credit card companies to cancel the card and contact the three major credit reporting bureaus to place a fraud alert on the cards. For more information on Identity Theft and Credit Card Theft, contact your local Police Department or Sheriff's Office or the Federal Trade Commission at <http://www.ftc.gov/>.

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