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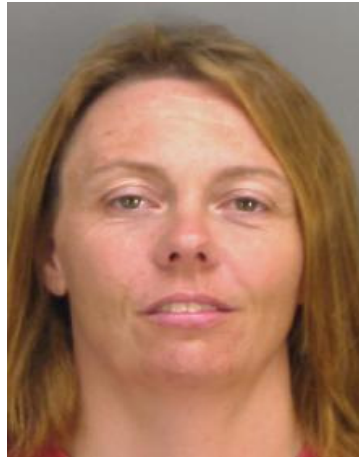
Press Release

Date: September 11, 2008

CASE #08-3404

Location: 1300 Block of N. Wyte Way, Banning

Incident: Counterfeit Check Scam



Lisa Dawn Burks

On September 11, 2008, Banning Police Detectives and the Patrol Division conducted a search warrant at the residence of forgery suspect, Lisa Dawn Burks, in the area of the 1300 Block of N. Wyte Way, in the City of Banning. Detectives seized Burks' personal computer, blank check paper and computer check making programs which were used to facilitate the drafting of counterfeit checks.

Burks was responsible for drafting at least ten counterfeit checks and cashing them at four local businesses in the Cities of Banning and Beaumont. The total proceeds from Burks' counterfeit check scam netted her approximately \$4,000.00, within a two month period. This investigation initiated after Burks passed a counterfeit check at the City of Banning's, Billing Department to pay for past due utilities services which had been disconnected. During the investigation, it was discovered that Burks was stealing utility services from the city. Burks was charged with forgery and theft of utilities; she was transported and booked into the Smith Correctional Facility in the City of Banning.

The Banning Police Department urges citizens to report any utility thefts to the police department. For further information pertaining to this case please contact the Banning Police Department Detective Bureau at (951) 922-3180.

Suspect Information:

Suspect# 1: Lisa Dawn Burks, W/F, D.O.B: 10-08-1975, 508/205,
Brown / Green.