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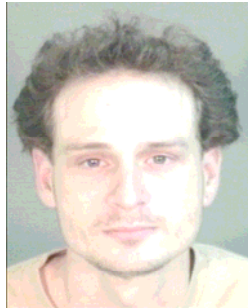
Accused Thieves Arrested

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Berkeley, California (Thursday, June 28, 2007) - Two subjects wanted for questioning in relationship to a series of burglaries, frauds and thefts were detained and arrested yesterday afternoon, Berkeley Police Department Detectives announced.

Two subjects, Paul McClung, 30 and Carol Ann Chapman 59, were traveling out of state in a fraudulently obtained rental vehicle when they were detained and arrested. Both are currently being held out of state. Their location and Chapman's picture are being withheld due to ongoing law enforcement investigations.

The pair has been suspected of perpetrating a series of frauds, burglaries, and police officer impersonations in Berkeley and other Bay Area cities. The pair is accused of visiting real estate offices and open houses and claiming to be looking for homes to buy for cash. While the woman (believed to be Chapman) distracted the realtor with conversation, the man (believed to be McClung) allegedly prowled the home or office for purses and wallets to steal. With stolen wallet and identification in hand, McClung was allegedly able to commit additional fraud and theft.

During a recent open house in a nearby city, McClung allegedly stole the badge of a former City of Santa Barbara PD officer. He is suspected of impersonating a police officer in subsequent open house visits. It remains unclear if the two are related.

Yesterday afternoon, the pair was stopped in a GMC Hummer that was reported stolen from a car rental facility. The vehicle was outfitted with On-Star, and this system immediately aided police in locating the vehicle.

Fraud detectives spent a lot of time researching other crimes allegedly committed in other cities by this pair. Detectives created and distributed wanted flyers nationwide utilizing a network of various Real Estate organizations. This effort clearly paid off. An alert real estate agent out of state recognized McClung's photo as a person who had recently visited their open home. That agent subsequently realized some of his personal property had been stolen during the visit and that his credit cards had been stolen. One of the cards was used to steal the car the suspect was eventually apprehended in.

Berkeley Police detectives are seeking additional Berkeley charges to be filed by the Alameda County District Attorney's office.

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