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Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

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Author/Date/Time : Lieutenant Christopher Blasnek, 07-05-12 / Incident Time : 2:00 P.M.
1:15 P.M.

A traffic stop for a minor traffic violation led to the eventual arrest of two parolees and a female passenger for Identity Theft and numerous other counterfeit crimes.

On Wednesday, July 4, 2012, sheriff's deputies on routine patrol encountered more than just a traffic violation. During the stop, the deputies learned two of the occupants were on parole.

A subsequent search and investigation led to the discovery of numerous counterfeit items, laptop computers, and personal information of several possible victims of identity theft. Both were arrested at the scene as well as an additional female passenger.

Steven Phong, Nelson Phong, and Lan Le, all residents of Rowland Heights, were taken to the Walnut / Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station where they were booked for various Identity Theft charges including; possession of fraudulent credit card information, forged credit cards and petty theft.

Investigators of the Walnut / Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station are working in conjunction with investigators of the Asian Crime Task Force to bring formal charges against the suspects.

The case will be presented to the District Attorney's Office on Friday.

For further information, please contact Lieutenant Chris Blasnek or Sergeant Mario Estrada of the Walnut / Diamond Bar Detective Bureau.

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