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SOUTH PASADENA POLICE CATCH SUSPECTED PARCEL AND MAIL THIEVES

SOUTH PASADENA, CA – On November 30th at about 2:25 pm, the South Pasadena Police Department received a call from a resident in the 2000 block of Primrose Av. who saw an adult male steal a package off a neighbor's porch across the street. Officers from the South Pasadena and Alhambra Police Departments responded immediately and started to search the area for the suspect.

During the search of the area, the SPPD received a call from an anonymous person who said she was aware of the recent parcel thefts in the area and believed the person responsible for the thefts resided at a house in the 2700 block of W. Grand Av. in the City of Alhambra. Officers responded to the location and continued their investigation.

Officers contacted the occupants of the residence on W. Grand Av. and ultimately found numerous pieces of stolen mail and parcels from multiple victims residing in the general area. Detectives from the SPPD then arrested one male Hispanic adult Alhambra resident and one female Hispanic adult Alhambra resident for receiving stolen property. Their names are being withheld at this time as the investigation is continuing. Both subjects are currently scheduled to be arraigned in Alhambra Superior Court on Thursday, December 2nd.

"We believe there are potentially additional victims of parcel or mail thefts in the southern area of South Pasadena who have yet to come forward and report them to the police," said Sgt. Tony Abdalla of the South Pasadena Police Department. If you have recently been a victim of a parcel or mail theft, you are urged to contact the South Pasadena Police Department Detective Bureau at 626.403.7280. "This case is a great example of one alert neighbor looking out for the welfare of another that resulted in a very successful conclusion," said Sgt. Abdalla. "Our department is heavily reliant on residents to

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report suspicious activity in their neighborhood and by doing so in this incident, I am very confident we have cleared many past cases and hopefully prevented even more future occurrences.”

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