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### **Strong-Arm Robbery Arrest**

On August 21, 2023, at approximately 11:35 a.m., Monterey Police Officers were dispatched to the Macy's, 100 Del Monte Shopping Center, Monterey, regarding a strong-armed robbery that had just occurred. A Macy's loss prevention officer contacted the four shoplifting suspects as they were leaving Macy's. One of the suspects punched the loss prevention officer in the face, and all four suspects fled the area with the stolen merchandise. The estimated value of the stolen merchandise was \$635.00.

Monterey Police Officers arrived on scene and set up a perimeter. One of the suspects, later identified as Cheyanne Burkleo, 25, of Modesto, was located near the Del Monte Shopping Center and was arrested without incident. A second suspect was located near Don Dahvee Park and immediately fled from the officers. After an extensive search, the suspect was not located. Officers were able to identify the suspect that ran away as Ronnie Smith, 26, of Modesto.

At approximately 1450 hours, Smith and two other individuals came to the Monterey Police Department to pick-up Burkleo from the jail. Smith was arrested without incident. Michelle Vasquez, 29, of Lancaster, was found to have several outstanding warrants in Monterey County and was arrested. Vasquez was later transported to the Mouny County Jail.

Burkleo was arrested for robbery and conspiracy and her bail was set at \$40,000. Smith was arrested for robbery, conspiracy, and obstructing a peace officer and his bail was set at \$140,000. Burkleo, Smith, and Vasquez were transported to the Monterey County Jail.

The two remaining suspects are unknown and the investigation is ongoing.

If you have any information regarding this case, please contact Detective Sergeant Greg Galin (831) 646-3872.

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