On April 22nd, 2020 at 7:36 AM, Monterey Police Officers were dispatched to the Marriot hotel at 350 Calle Principal regarding a report of two subjects trespassing. The business reported locating two people inside of a hotel room that was off limits to the public. Monterey Police Officers contacted John Fontenot, 34 of Emeryville, and Nicole Stearns, 26 years old of Paramount, at the business and ultimately placed them under arrest for trespassing and possession of stolen property taken from the hotel.

Upon searching Fontenot’s and Stearns’ property, Officers located numerous other pieces of stolen property including mail, credit cards, identification cards and electronics belonging to multiple victims including three from Monterey. Fontenot was also in possession of car keys from a vehicle that had been reported stolen from Oakland on April 19th, 2020 and recovered unoccupied in Monterey on the same day.

Fontenot was booked into the Monterey Police Department jail on charges of 459 PC – burglary, 496(a) PC – possession of stolen property, 182(a) PC – conspiracy, 602(h)(1) PC - trespassing, and 466 PC – possession of burglary tools.

Stearns was booked into the Monterey Police Department jail on charges of 459 PC – burglary, 496(a) PC – possession of stolen property, 182(a) PC – conspiracy,
602(h)(1) PC - trespassing, 466 PC – possession of burglary tools, and 11364 HS – possession of drug paraphernalia.

Currently there is a statewide Emergency Bail Schedule in place and as a result, the bail amount for both Fontenot and Stearns was $0. Fontenot and Stearns were released on bail.

John Fontenot
The Monterey Police Department would like to remind the community to stay vigilant by reporting suspicious activity to the police, securing their vehicles, residences, and businesses, and not leaving valuables unattended in public. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Monterey Police Detective Sergeant Delgado at (831) 646-3831. Or to remain anonymous call (831) 646-3840.

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