



HERMOSA BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

ELDER ABUSE



Hermosa Beach Police Department

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"Suspects Arrested for Stealing from Elderly Disabled Woman"

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Suspect: Shekesha Shenea Andrews, 31, Los Angeles

Charges: 459 PC Residential Burglary
459 PC Commercial Burglary
368(e) PC Elder Abuse

Bail: \$115,000.00 in Custody

Suspect: Perry Lewis Jr., 47, Los Angeles

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Synopsis:

Contracted Caregiver and boyfriend caught stealing and cashing checks from elderly disabled woman.

Details:

A 93 year old disabled Hermosa resident had contracted with a caregiver company to employ a live in caregiver to attend to her needs. The victim is 93 years old and disabled to the point of being confined to a wheel chair and the downstairs portion of her two story home. As part of the services provided to the victim a supervisor for the company would come to the victim's home to write out checks to pay bills. Recently the supervisor came to the home and wrote out checks to pay bills. She ran out of checks and went to get a new check book. When she recovered the check book she noticed missing checks. Believing that a crime may have occurred she alerted Hermosa Beach Detectives.

Detective McColgan was assigned the case. During his investigation he was able to track down surveillance video of the suspects in a commercial business cashing the stolen checks. Detective McColgan continued his investigation and was able to identify the contracted caregiver as Shekessa Shenea Andrews one of the suspects in the video. Detective McColgan was also able to determine the second suspect is her boyfriend Perry Lewis Jr.

While staying at the victim's home, Andrews would sneak Lewis into the home and entertain him in the upstairs portion of the home concealing him from the victim taking advantage of the victim's diminished capacity.

Detective McColgan tracked down Andrews and Lewis and arrested them. They were booked into the Hermosa Beach City Jail on the above listed charges. Both are still in custody.

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