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Press Release

Today's Date: October 10, 2007
Date & Time Occurred: May 2006 – October 2007
Submitted By: Sgt. Charlie Spruill
Phone: 707-469-6607
Case Number 07-09004
Type of Crime/Incident: 368(d) PC, Elder Abuse/503 PC, Embezzlement
Location: North Vacaville Residence
Suspects: Tawake, Penina Fijian Male Adult
DOB: 122876 Age: 31
Sacramento Resident

Narrative:

On October 09, 2007, 2:00pm Detectives from the Vacaville Police Department Family Investigative Response Services Team initiated an investigation in which S-Tawake had allegedly stolen and embezzled money from his victim. The investigation showed that S-Tawake represented himself as a female and lived as female to obtain employment as an in home caretaker for an elderly client. Detectives learned the suspect was hired in May 2006 to provide complete in home support services for the victim. The suspect previously worked for an agency in Sacramento that provided in home support services to clients.

In early October of 2007 a relative of the victim conducted an audit of the victim's bank account and discovered missing money. The same relative learned the suspect had taken money from the account and reported the allegation to the police. Detective Dale Hogg interviewed the victim and family member. Detective Hogg learned the suspect allegedly used some of stolen and embezzled money to purchase a car and finance a trip to Hawaii. Detective Hogg contacted the suspect on 10/09/07 at the home of the client and subsequently arrested the suspect without incident.

The suspect is a legal resident of the Fiji Islands and was in the United States on a visa. Detective Hogg sought and received a bail enhancement of \$250,000. The suspect was booked into the Solano County Jail and ordered to surrender his passport prior to his release from jail. Anyone who believes they have information regarding this case is asked to call Detective Dale Hogg at 469-6611.