



TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Press Release

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Paradise Valley Police Arrest Identity Theft Suspect #2015-23280

Paradise Valley, Arizona - (December 16, 2015) On November 27th, 2015, Paradise Valley Police were called by a family member who has power of attorney over her elderly parents to report suspicious activity on her parents' credit card account. At the time of the report, there had been about \$6,000 of fraudulent charges. The Criminal Investigations Unit began an investigation and learned that there had also been fraudulent activity on the parents' checking account. They also learned that there had been a new home health care provider who had been working with the parents. Video surveillance at a retailer caught one of the fraudulent credit card transactions. That video captured a young female white making a purchase with the victim's credit card. That video was compared to a photo of the home health care worker and investigators determined they were the same person. That person was identified as Jessie Louise Denton, 20, of Phoenix.

On December 16th, 2015 detectives located Denton and conducted an interview during which Denton admitted to using the victim's credit card to pay for various items including rent and car payments. The investigation revealed that Denton had racked up charges totaling in excess of \$12,000.

Denton was subsequently booked into the MCSO 4th Avenue Jail on charges of aggravated taking the identity of another, forgery, fraudulent use of a credit card, theft by misrepresentation and theft of a credit card; all felonies.

If you have any information about this crime or any other crimes in Paradise Valley please call the police department crime stopper at (480) 948-7410.

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Jessie Louise Denton