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PRESS RELEASE

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Mail Theft / Fraud

Location of Incident: 800 block of S. Columbia Avenue – Somerton, AZ

Dating back to 2019, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office has received numerous reports of mail theft in the areas of County 14th Street to County 19th Street between Avenue C and Avenue 5E. Several victims reported fraudulent activity and identity theft after their mail was stolen.

During the investigations, eye witnesses reported seeing the suspects going through mailboxes and were able to provide a description of the suspects' vehicle. Eventually, one of the suspects was captured on surveillance video attempting to withdraw money from a victim's bank account at an ATM. Once the suspects were identified, Investigators were able to further match the suspects to several other ongoing mail theft and fraud investigations.



Carlos Gonzalez

Cecilia Gill

On Thursday, July 15, 2021, at approximately 3:00 PM, YCSO Investigators located and arrested **Carlos Omar Gonzalez**, 29, and **Cecilia Gill**, 40, both of Somerton, AZ. The suspects were booked into the Yuma County Detention Center on multiple counts of Fraudulent Schemes, Identity Theft, Trafficking in Stolen Property, and Fraudulent Use of Credit Cards.

YCSO Investigators later served a search warrant at the suspects' residence where hundreds of items of personal documents and mail was found, to include stolen credit/debit cards. Investigators continue to work on identifying victims as several may not know they have been defrauded. As of today, approximately 20 victims have been identified.

This case remains under investigation at this time.

Anyone with information concerning this investigation is asked to contact the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at 928-783-4427 or 78-CRIME to remain anonymous. You can also visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip.

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