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News Release

Sheriff's Deputies Apprehend Burglary Suspects

Carpinteria – On Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at approximately 3:00 a.m., a Sheriff's deputy assigned to the Coastal Patrol Bureau was on routine patrol in the Summerland area. While conducting an area check of businesses on Santa Claus Lane, he heard the sound of an audible alarm coming from the Padaro Beach Grill, located in the 3700 block of Santa Claus Lane. The deputy then discovered forced entry into the business' front door. As other deputies were responding and setting up a perimeter, Sheriff's Dispatch received a report, at 0304 hours, of a burglary in progress in the City of Carpinteria. A witness stated he heard glass breaking and an alarm going off at Taco Grande, located in the 1000 block of Casitas Pass Road. Two subjects were observed running from the business, got into a vehicle in the parking lot that quickly sped away.

At 3:09 a.m., a deputy on perimeter at the Padaro Grill business witnessed a silver Nissan Altima, with four subjects inside, exit the northbound HWY 101 off ramp, at Santa Claus Lane, and drive towards his location. When the subjects saw the deputy, they immediately accelerated and sped past him at a high rate of speed towards the Santa Claus Lane, southbound HWY 101 entrance. A description of the suspect's vehicle and direction of travel was broadcasted to surrounding agencies.

At 3:39 a.m. Ventura Police Department officers located a vehicle matching the description of the vehicle in question in the City of Ventura. SBSO deputies responded to the scene and were able to identify the vehicle and occupants as the vehicle that sped away from the deputy on Santa Claus Lane. After further investigation, along with evidence located at both burglary locations, and evidence discovered inside the vehicle, deputies had probable cause to arrest the four subjects for commercial burglary.

Two of the suspects were 17 year old juveniles from Long Beach, CA. The juveniles were both booked at Santa Maria Juvenile Detention Facility for Commercial Burglary (459 PC); Conspiracy to commit a crime (182 PC) and Possession of burglary tools (466 PC).

The other two adult suspects, Colby Penn (18) from Long Beach and Rodney Shorter (18) from Long Beach, were booked into the Santa Barbara County Jail for Commercial Burglary (459 PC); Conspiracy to commit a crime (182 PC) and Possession of burglary tools (466 PC) with bails set at \$20,000. Shorter was also booked for falsely identifying himself to a peace officer (148.9) PC.



Rodney Shorter



Colby Penn

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