



# Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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## News Release

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### Mail Theft Suspect Arrested in Santa Barbara

**Santa Barbara** —At approximately 10:30 a.m. on December 28, 2017 deputies from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, Goleta Valley Patrol Bureau responded to Hope Ranch for a report of a suspect in a silver SUV with suspected stolen mail and packages in the vehicle. Hope Ranch Security had observed the suspect park in front of multiple houses and followed the suspect through the neighborhood. Upon arrival deputies found the suspect, identified as 26 year-old Pamela Hoppers of Goleta; leaving the area in her vehicle and conducted a traffic stop near the corner of Las Positas and Modoc Rd.

During the traffic stop, deputies discovered stolen mail in the dash and conducted a search of the vehicle. During the search, deputies also found copious amounts of suspected stolen property, including multiple passports, credit cards, check books, laptops, cameras, coffee makers, deep fryers, golf clubs, tools and other probable Christmas gifts. These items are being inventoried and additional victims will be contacted to identify their property. Deputies also found an equine ultrasound machine worth approximately \$30,000. Deputies also located needles, foil and other drug paraphernalia. Hoppers was arrested and booked into the Santa Barbara County Jail with bail set at \$50,000 for violations on Possession of Stolen Property; Mail Theft and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The Sheriff's Office thanks the observant security officer who provided information on the suspect and her activities. Putting a stop to package/mail theft and residential burglaries is a team effort. Talk to your neighbors and encourage everyone to keep an eye out for suspicious activity (an individual or vehicle following a delivery truck, a stranger removing a package from outside a residence, etc). Please report suspicious activity to the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office. If you need to report a theft which occurred earlier, you may go to <http://www.sbsheriff.org> to file an online report or call our non-emergency number at (805) 683-2724.



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