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Identity Theft Arrests

Officers from the Oceanside Police Department arrested four suspects for possession of altered credit cards on Sunday.

On Sunday June 15, 2009 at approximately 1:30pm, officers responded to the Ralph's Grocery store located at 1702 Oceanside Boulevard in Oceanside reference to a subject trying to use a fraudulent credit card. As officers were responding to the scene, the subject fled the scene in a vehicle. An alert officer located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle.

After conducting an initial investigation into the crime, officers found numerous altered credit cards and illegal drugs inside the suspect's vehicle. William McNamara 49 years of Vista, Joanne Christmas 29 years of Vista, Jennifer O'Brien 23 years of Camino, California and 41 year old Michael Lazar of Mesa Arizona were all arrested for possession of altered credit cards. Some of the suspects were also arrested for charges such as burglary, possession of a controlled substance and possession of stolen property.

All four subjects were booked into the Sheriff's Detention Facility in Vista.

Police want to remind the public to keep any paperwork with their personal information in a safe location and if they throw away important documents to please shred the paperwork.

The Oceanside Police Department, in conjunction with Total Secure Shredding Inc., will offer free shredding this Saturday June 20, 2009 from 9:00am until 12:00 noon in front of the police station located at 3855 Mission Avenue. The first three file sized boxes are free and any additional boxes are being charged \$5.00 each with the money going to the Boy's and Girl's Club of Oceanside.

If you have questions about the shredding event please contact Detective Bob Sterling at (760) 435-4828.

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