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INVESTIGATING OFFICERS

SERGEANT MANKINI

DETECTIVE DECKER

TIME OF CALL 1324 HOURS DATE MARCH 8, 2010 DAY MONDAY

CLASSIFICATION ARREST OF IDENTITY THEFT SUSPECTS REPORTING OFFICER LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS

TIME OF OCCURRENCE / DISCOVERY \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT COMMERCIAL CRIMES BUREAU

LOCATION MULTIPLE CITIES WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DATE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010

THOMAS GUIDE PAGE  
AND SECTION

C/P LOC \_\_\_\_\_

VICTIM(S) \_\_\_\_\_ SUSPECT(S) JOSUE ALBIZURAS, MH/42;

\_\_\_\_\_ CESAR ECHEVERRIA, MH/28;

DNR \_\_\_\_\_ DNR ALBERT GONZALEZ, MH/39

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\*NOTIFY STATION WATCH COMMANDER PRIOR TO RELEASING CODE 20\* SGT. INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

WATCH CMDR. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ HOURS

NARRATIVE: AS PART OF A FOUR-YEAR INVESTIGATION DUBBED "OPERATION BIG SKIM," MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH TECH TASK FORCE-IDENTITY THEFT DETAIL SERVED SEARCH WARRANTS WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ARRESTED THREE PROLIFIC IDENTITY THEFT SUSPECTS. THE TASK FORCE IS A DETAIL COMPROMISED OF PERSONNEL FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS, GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

TEAMS OF INVESTIGATORS SERVED RESIDENTIAL SEARCH WARRANTS IN THE CITIES OF LANCASTER, LOS ANGELES AND SANTA CLARITA, WHICH RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF NUMEROUS EXPENSIVE VEHICLES SUCH AS BMW, CADILLAC, FERRARI, AND PORSCHE. ADDITIONALLY, OVER \$40,000 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY, BLUETOOTH-EQUIPPED SKIMMING DEVICES, HUNDREDS OF COUNTERFEIT CREDIT CARDS AND PERSONAL PROFILES, CELL PHONES, AND COMPUTERS.

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INVESTIGATORS HAVE CONFIRMED MORE THAN 15,000 COMPROMISED ACCOUNTS AND MORE THAN TWELVE GAS STATIONS POINTS OF COMPROMISE, AT A LOSS OF NEARLY \$3,000,000. A TOTAL OF 78 IDENTITY-THEFT-RELATED FELONY COUNTS WERE FILED AGAINST THE SUSPECTS.

FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT LIEUTENANT RON WILLIAMS OF THE COMMERCIAL CRIMES BUREAU-IDENTITY THEFT TASK FORCE DETAIL, AT 562-619-4432.