

Fortuna Police Department

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Auto Theft investigation leads to search warrant & arrest

Fortuna, CA – On February 13, 2014 at approximately 8:07 am Officers with the Fortuna Police Department responded to Dave's 76 Service Station in the 1600 block of Main Street in Fortuna for a reported auto theft. Officers learned that on February 12, 2014 the owner of a silver 2012 Chrysler 200 dropped off his vehicle at the service station for service. On February 13, 2014 employees found that the vehicle had been stolen sometime during the night.

Officers investigated and viewed the businesses surveillance video, observing a female subject/customer on February 13, 2014 stealing the vehicle keys to the 2012 Chrysler while at the business paying for work on vehicle tires. The business provided the check the woman paid with to the officers. The officers had recognized the woman in the video as Sandra Ann Belisle, age 43. Belisle is known as she has repeatedly victimized local citizens and businesses and has several pending criminal matters related to thefts and forgeries. The officers observed the check Belisle used to pay the business was not in Belisle's name and she had forged another person's name. Further investigation into the check revealed it was a false/fictitious check.

Approximately an hour and twenty minutes later at about 9:30 am officers located the stolen vehicle parked and unoccupied in the 2300 block of Acacia Drive in Fortuna. The vehicle was returned to the owner and officers learned that property had been stolen from the vehicle and the vehicle keys were not located.

Officers continued their investigation and at approximately 7:50 pm officers with the assistance of Rio Dell Police Department (ie: additional personnel) obtained and served a search warrant on Belisle's residence in the 3400 block of School Street in Fortuna. As a result of the investigation and search warrant officers located the stolen property from the 2012 Chrysler, the vehicle keys to the 2012 Chrysler, the checkbook used by Belisle, drug paraphernalia and other checks and paperwork that potentially identifying additional victims.

Sandra Ann Belisle, age 43 was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on the following charges.

- 459 PC, Burglary
- 10851a CVC, Auto Theft
- 496 PC, Possession of Stolen Property
- 470(d) PC, Forgery
- 11364 H&S, Drug Paraphernalia
- 7 counts of 12022.1 PC, an enhancement charges as Belisle has 7 pending criminal matters of the same nature and she has continued to commit the offenses while on release from the courts.

Additionally officers arrested Kayla Renee Boynton, age 20 during the service of the search warrant. Boynton was booked in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on the following charges.

- 496 PC, Possession of Stolen property
- 1 count of 12022.1 PC, Enhancement

The investigation is ongoing.