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## SACRAMENTO PROBATION OFFICERS LOCATE 10,000 STOLEN SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

Sacramento, CA- Sacramento County Probation officers recovered over 10,000 stolen social security numbers, bank account numbers, and bank routing information following a warrant arrest and subsequent investigation.

On July 31, 2018, Probation Officers conducted a probation compliance search of a 36 year-old male, Jerry Callis, at his residence in the 9000 block of Montoya Street. Callis had an outstanding felony, no-bail warrant, and a history of arrests for identity theft crimes. The initial search uncovered more than 1000 pieces of stolen identification from victims throughout the United States. Callis was initially arrested on his outstanding warrant.

Due to the number of identification items located within Callis' residence, probation officers requested the assistance of the Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Crimes Task Force to assist in the investigation. Their two month long investigation revealed approximately 1100 victims had their social security numbers, bank account numbers, and bank routing numbers appropriated by the subject. The District Attorney's Office charged him with Unlawfully Using Another's Identity - With Prior Convictions.

On August 27, 2018, Callis was sentenced to three (3) years in County Jail. However, Callis was allowed one week to get his affairs in order, contingent upon working with the Probation Department to voluntarily turn over an additional 9,000 to 9,300 social security numbers in his possession. The additional information was turned over to the Sacramento District Attorney Investigators. On September 5, 2018, Jerry Callis turned himself in at the County Jail and began his jail sentence.

Probation Officers were able to contact several hundred victims to inform them of the breech of their identity and banking information. Continued attempts will be made to locate the other victims.



"The Sacramento County Probation Department is committed to reducing crime and addressing the safety needs of the community. To have an officer working with the Hi-Tech Crimes Task Force is a vital asset to aid with these particular cases," said Assistant Chief Deputy Christopher Meeks.

The Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Crimes Task Force combines the expertise of approximately 30 agencies. The deputy probation officer assigned to this team participates in investigating those crimes in which high technology is used as an instrument in committing or assisting in committing a crime or in which high technology is the target of a criminal act.

Photo Attached (1)



Jerry Callis

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