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PRESS RELEASE

On 02-20-2013 Detectives with the Joplin Police Department conducted an undercover operation that resulted in the arrest of two fugitives from the State of Texas and a third suspect on other charges. Detectives had been assisting the Euless, Texas Police Department with tracking and locating 34 year old Shawna Marie Neal-Sansom and 43 year old Ray Sanchez, Jr., who had active felony warrants for Fraud and Identity Theft that involved over fifty known victims. The third subject was an associate of theirs. All three suspects taken into custody are currently being held in the Joplin City Jail. Shawna Marie Neal-Sansom and Ray Sanchez, Jr. are being held on their active felony warrants and Fugitive From Justice charges and the third suspect, Christopher Lozano, is being held on drug related charges. "We are grateful that the arrest went smoothly and we were able to help out other agencies" Says Lt. Darren Gallup of the Joplin Police Department.

A subsequent search warrant was served on their hotel room which led to the seizure of numerous items involved in the crimes of Identity Theft and Fraud. The investigation is currently ongoing and future charges are anticipated. Agents from the United States Secret Service are also assisting with the investigation. Attached are photos of the suspects apprehended.

"We encourage everyone to check their credit report at least once a year in order to deter Identity Theft and other Fraud", says Lt. Gallup related crimes. For more prevention information, please visit the Joplin Police Department's website at www.joplinpolice.org (Click on the Prevention and Education Link) or visit the Federal Trade Commission's website at www.ftc.gov.

For more information, please contact Lt. Darren Gallup at 417-623-3131 x451



Shawna Marie Neal-Sansom



Ray Sanchez, Jr.



Christopher Lozano