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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Arrest Made In Identity Theft Case**

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of 40 year old Renee Kristine Roque. Roque, a Fresno resident, was arrested on charges of identity theft, forgery, and possession of stolen property after a one month long investigation.

The investigation started in mid March when representatives from Potigian Transfer Inc, located in the 4000 block of S. Golden State, contacted the Sheriff's Department regarding the business being a possible victim of fraudulent bank transfers and forged checks.

Investigators learned that approximately \$3500 in property was being charged to the company and delivered to Roque's address in the 3800 block of E. Kerckhoff Ave. in Fresno. In addition to the property, unauthorized wire money transfers were being made from the business' checking account in Roque's name.

Armed with this information, on April 18, investigators served a search warrant at the E. Kerckhoff address. Numerous items of stolen property were located including a Chicago Bears easy chair and sports novelty items. Also located was a file containing the names of at least 10 persons who were also the victim of identity theft, and as many as 100 persons who were the victim of mail theft.

As a result of the investigation, Roque was taken into custody at her residence and eventually transported to the Fresno County Jail where she was booked.

The investigation is continuing and more victims are expected to be discovered.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Detective Chris Torres at 292-1141, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-311, or CrimeStoppers at 498-STOP(7867).

Additionally, if you feel that you have been the victim of identity theft, immediately contact your local law enforcement agency.