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**News Release**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Woman Arrested For Stealing From  
82 Year Old**

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of a Sanger woman on charges of identity theft, forgery and elder abuse. Arrested was 44 year old Dalia Bell.

The investigation started when deputies responded to the elderly female's residence located in the 4300 block of N. Glenn Ave. regarding a possible identity theft call.

After receiving her bank statement, the 82 year old victim discovered at least six unauthorized withdrawals from her checking account, totaling almost \$800.00. After some further investigating, the victim learned that her physician's assistant, (Bell), was responsible for the thefts.

Apparently, Bell had obtained the victim's personal information from her medical records. Bell had also assisted the victim with small errands and had copied her checking account information while at the victim's house.

Bell had used the information to electronically pay some of her personal bills both telephonically, and over the internet.

Bell was contacted by deputies at the Sanger Police Department where she was taken into custody. She was later booked into the Fresno County Jail.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Detective Dave Barile at 292-1141, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111, or CrimeStoppers at 498-STOP(7867).

**\*\*\*Photo attached\*\*\***