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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Woman Arrested In Robbery Of
Elderly Disabled Man In Wheelchair**

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of a Riverdale woman in connection with a robbery that occurred earlier this month in Riverdale. Arrested was 47 year old Vickie Jane Ivey.

On July 25th, detectives took Ivey into custody without incident at a motor home along the Kings River near Fay 41 & Elgin Ave.

The robbery occurred on the afternoon of July 12th. At that time, the victim, a 68 year old Riverdale man, had been riding his electric wheelchair in the area of Mulberry & Henson in Riverdale when he was approached by Ivey. Ivey asked the victim for money as she had run out of gas. The victim gave Ivey \$5.00 and then put his wallet back into his shirt pocket. Moments later, Ivey attempted to take the wallet but the victim fought back. The altercation caused the victim's wheelchair to overturn and the victim to fall to the ground. Ivey did not get the wallet but was able to take the victim's cell phone. Ivey then jumped into a waiting vehicle and fled.

The victim sustained minor scrapes and bruises as a result of the incident. He refused medical attention.

Witnesses to the incident assisted the victim in getting him back into his wheelchair. They were also able to identify Ivey as being the person responsible for the robbery.

At the time of her arrest, Ivey's husband, 54 year old Donald Ray Ivey was also taken into custody on several outstanding arrest warrants.