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# Press Release

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## Pair Arrested in Identity Theft Danville PD encourages residents to protect their info

Investigation into a case of identity theft reported in Danville has led to the arrest of two individuals. Danville Police Chief Steve Simpkins said the incident was reported last month and the investigation led to two suspects. The two were suspected of using the victim's personal information to create bogus accounts to steal funds.

With the assistance of the US Postal Inspection Service, a search warrant was executed early on January 3, 2017 at an address in unincorporated Danville. The address was connected to a fraudulent account allegedly set up by the suspects. At the location, officers recovered several pieces of stolen mail.

Two suspects identified as Brittany Thomas, 28, transient and Franklin Huffman, 31, transient, were arrested on charges of Identity Theft. The pair was transported to the Martinez Detention Center.

Chief Simpkins said thieves often use stolen mail to gain personal information used in the performance of identity theft.

"We encourage residents to be conscious that the bad guys are out there and take steps to protect their identities," he stated.

Simpkins suggested residents could safeguard their information by:

- Collecting mail promptly
- Having a neighbor collect the mail while residents are on vacation
- Consider using a locking mailbox
- Consider installing home surveillance cameras

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