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PRESS RELEASE

Date: Oct 27, 2014
Case Number: 14ES06579

Narrative: On the above date Officers from Essex Police responded to the Peoples United Bank on Susie Wilson Rd, for person suspected of using false identification to cash a check. The vehicle involved was located in the area of the Fanny Allen Medical Facility in Colchester. The operator was identified as Chasity Walton 37 year old female alleged to be from Maryland. Investigation by Office Ruttenberg and Cpl. Wootton found several forms of identification, wigs and checks which had been reported stolen from a motor vehicle last week.

It is believed that Ms. Walton is part of a large organization referred to as the Felony Lane Gang. The criminal operation uses identification and financial documents stolen from vehicles to fraudulently cash checks at various banks, primarily from the far lane of the drive through teller. This organization is far reaching and has ties to Florida, Massachusetts, Vermont and Indiana.

Walton was arrested and charged with Identity Theft and Uttering a Forged Instrument. She was lodged at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility.

Investigation into this incident is ongoing. Essex PD reminds people to keep identifications and check books out of their cars, and to report to the appropriate agency any theft from motor vehicles no matter how insignificant it may seem.

Anyone with information relating to this crime is asked to contact Office Ruttenberg of the Essex Police Department at 878-8331.

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