



For Immediate Release

San Joaquin County and Bay Area Theft

San Joaquin County, May 26, 2023 – On April 1, 2023, a vehicle burglary that occurred in the Lincoln Center Parking Lot in Stockton was reported to the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office. Our Special Services Division began an investigation and identified DeShawn Leandre Allen as the suspect. Allen is a validated gang member from Richmond, California.

A search warrant was obtained, and Allen's residence was searched. Evidence was located which revealed Allen had been communicating with Urias Joram Hernandez Ochoa, who is the owner of Oromax Pawn Shop in Richmond. The communication between Allen and Hernandez Ochoa included photographs of items Allen had stolen, with the intention of selling them to the pawn shop.

Allen was arrested and charged with violation of California Penal Code Sections 459 - Burglary, 487(a) – Grand Theft (Over \$950 Value), 466 – Possession of Burglary Tools, 594 – Vandalism, and 496(a) – Receiving Stolen Property. He is currently in custody.

Deputies obtained an additional search warrant for Oromax Pawn Shop. Upon serving the warrant, a significant amount of stolen items were located. Among the stolen items found were cellular devices, laptops, and cameras. The stolen items were seized, and Hernandez Ochoa was arrested and charged with violation of California Penal Code Section 496(a) – Receiving Stolen Property. He was later released on his own recognizance.

The sheriff's office has spent countless hours of photographing, searching, and contacting victims. To date, over 140 victims have been contacted, with none of them ever having sold their property to Oromax Pawn Shop. Some of the victims are from as far away as Brooklyn, New



York, and other locations along the east coast. Victims may have been traveling to or from the Bay Area when their property was stolen.

We believe there may be additional victims we have not contacted or know about as of the publishing of this news release. Some of the items recovered do not have serial numbers or have been cleaned of any form of traceable identification.

If you are the victim of a burglary or other theft in the Bay Area or surrounding communities, please review images of the items we have seized by visiting a Dropbox link we have posted in the news release area of our website at sjsheriff.org.

Victims who see their stolen items in the images may contact our Agriculture, Gangs, and Narcotics Enforcement Team ("AGNET") at (209) 468-4424. You will be asked specific questions about the item to verify you are the rightful owner. Please refer to case number 5216 when calling.

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