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TYPE OF CRIME: Receiving Stolen Property

CASE NUMBER: 06-194-0331

LOCATION: Santa Clara & Alameda County

DATE: June 2006 – July 15, 2006

SUSPECTS:

Amanuel Keleta, 42, San Jose Resident / Linda Nguyen, 52, San Jose Resident / Hardeep Singh, 22, San Jose Resident / Arwinder Singh, 20, Fremont Resident / Yaqubi Mirwais, 33, Fremont Resident / Van Anh Tran, 38, San Jose Resident / Jim Do, 44, San Jose Resident / Chau Le, 43, San Jose Resident

DETAILS:

Corporate officials from Safeway notified the San Jose Police Department that their local stores were suffering significant financial losses due to an increase in alcohol and cigarette thefts by organized boosters.

Investigators from our Financial Crimes/Burglary and Narcotics/Covert Investigations Units initiated an undercover operation in conjunction with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and Safeway Loss Prevention.

Investigators developed information alleging that suspected businesses were buying stolen liquor and cigarettes. This information was corroborated by an undercover sting operation that resulted in the arrest of 8 suspects associated with 5 businesses. The suspects purchased purportedly stolen alcohol and cigarettes from undercover police officers.

At the time of arrest, officers recovered alcohol sold in prior stings and \$116,000.00 cash. The suspects were booked into Santa Clara County Jail for Receiving Stolen Property.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to call Detective Sgt. Ernest Kong of the San Jose Police Department Financial Crimes/Burglary Unit at 408-277-4401. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408-947-STOP.

BY: Officer Enrique Garcia #2936
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