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SFPD Arrests Organized Retail Crime Suspect 24-014

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Suspect placed under arrest as she was getting off a plane in Honolulu, Hawaii

On January 29, 2024, at approximately 12:33 p.m., San Francisco Police officers from Taraval station responded to a business located in a mall on the 3200 block of 20th Avenue regarding a theft. Officers arrived on scene and met with store employees who stated that two unknown females entered the store and began removing items from display cases and putting them into their bags. When the suspects were approached by an employee, they fled the store with the merchandise and were last seen getting into a vehicle in the mall parking lot.

On the same date, an investigator from the SFPD Burglary Unit, Organized Retail Crime Task Force was contacted regarding the theft that had occurred. The investigator immediately recognized one of the suspects, later identified as Denayaha Duree, as an organized retail crime theft suspect who had been arrested previously.

Through the course of the investigation, investigators worked with the SFPD Fugitive Recovery Enforcement Team who partnered with the US Marshalls Fugitive Recovery Task Force.

On February 14, 2024, it was determined that Duree had boarded a flight to Honolulu, Hawaii and later that day investigators were notified that Duree had been located and arrested by US Marshalls for multiple outstanding warrants as she exited the plane. Charges for Duree are pending her extradition.

Duree was also wanted in connection to two organized retail crime thefts that occurred in May 2023 at two luxury brand stores in downtown SF.

"The long arm of the law extended to the beautiful islands of Hawaii this week," said SFPD Chief Bill Scott. "I want to commend the diligent work of our officers who did extraordinary work on this case. I also want to thank the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Office of Correctional Safety and the United States Marshall Service for their assistance in this case."

While an arrest has been made, this investigation remains open and active. Anyone with information is asked to call the SFPD Tip Line at [1-415-575-4444](tel:1-415-575-4444) or Text a Tip to [TIP411](sms:1-415-575-4444) and begin the text message with SFPD. You may remain anonymous.

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