



Porterville Police Department
Press Release

Incident:

Fraud, U.S. Military Desertion

Date/Time:

November 17, 2008

Location:

Lindsay, CA

Victim:

64 year old female Porterville Resident

Suspects:

Robert Wheatley, 23 year old Lindsay Resident
Donald Wheatley, 37 year old Lindsay Resident

Narrative:

On October 29, 2008, a 64 year old female reported to the Porterville Police Department that her checking account had fraudulently been accessed and money taken. The case was assigned to Detectives from the Porterville Police Department's General Investigations Unit. During the course of the investigation Robert Wheatley and Donald Wheatley were identified as the primary suspects.

On November 17, 2008, Detective Rick Carrillo developed information that the suspects involved were possibly at a location in Lindsay. Detective Carrillo, Detective Mark Lightfoot, and Officers from the Lindsay Police Department responded to a residence in Lindsay where both suspects were located and taken into custody without incident.

During the investigation it was discovered that **Robert Wheatley** had a U.S. Military warrant for **desertion**. Upon his being taken into custody this warrant was served on Robert Wheatley.

Robert and Donald Wheatley were both booked with the Tulare County Sheriff's Office.

Investigating Officer
Detective Rick Carrillo

Supervisor
Sergeant John Hall