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Arrest Made in Connection With Recent Package Thefts in Highland Park

December 16, 2016 (Highland Park, Texas) – On December 15, 2016, at around 2:20 p.m., an individual attempted to return stolen merchandise to a merchant in Highland Park Village. An employee working at the location recognized the merchandise as stolen, and immediately contacted by phone an off-duty HPDPS officer who was working on site. Three officers responded to the location, #79 Highland Park Village, and made contact with the suspect outside of the store.

During interview, the suspect stated that he was trying to return a pair of shoes that his wife had purchased the day before. The suspect's story did not align with information known to store staff, or information provided to them by the delivery company of the merchandise, UPS. Officers on scene confirmed the merchandise as stolen by comparing serial numbers of the property.

The suspect's vehicle, a silver Ford Fusion, was located in the parking lot. The vehicle located by officers was an exact match to the eye-witness description of the get-away car in two theft offenses on December 14, 2016: Packages stolen from the front porch of a residence in the 4500 block of Belfort Place. Inside the suspect's vehicle and in plain view were numerous shipping boxes and packages, with the packages bearing different names and shipping addresses. After investigation, the suspect was arrested for Theft of Property, $30,000 or more but less than $150,000 (3rd Degree Felony), and multiple Class C Warrants out of Dallas PD and Irving PD.

Our Criminal Investigation Division is currently working with Dallas PD, University Park PD, UPS, and FedEx to identify all of the victims related to the theft offenses. So far, the items recovered range in value of $16.00 to several thousand dollars. Further, HPDPS Investigators obtained a Search Warrant on the suspect's home and successfully located additional stolen property.

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