

CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS



POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Arrests Made in Mailbox Theft

Desert Hot Springs, February 7, 2024:

On Sunday, January 28, 2024, the Desert Hot Springs Police Department received a report of a large community mailbox stolen in the Hacienda Heights neighborhood. A witness was able to record the theft and provided that video to police. Detectives assumed the investigation and identified a suspect. On Monday, February 5, 2024, the suspect was taken into custody in the area of Palm Drive and Desert View Avenue without incident. Detectives also served a search warrant related to this investigation and located numerous pieces of stolen mail. The suspect was booked into the Riverside County Jail in Indio on this case, as well as an unrelated case. A female passenger was also taken into custody on unrelated warrants for her arrest.

Damien Collins (33) of DHS

PC 487 – Grand Theft
PC 496 – Possession of Stolen Property
PC 594(b)(1) – Felony Vandalism
PC 530.5 – Identity Theft
PC 207(a) – Kidnapping
PC 273.5 – Corporal Injury to a Spouse
PC 136.1 – Dissuading a Witness

To provide information on this case, please contact Detective Chris James at 760-329-2904 x 351 or at cjames@dhsdpd.com, or Detective Sergeant Chris Saucier at 760-329-2904 x 382 or csaucier@dhsdpd.com. If you wish to remain anonymous you can call Crime Stoppers at (760) 341-STOP.

