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NEWS RELEASE

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Pair Nabbed Trying to Purchase Car Using Stolen Identity

Yesterday afternoon, a South Carolina man contacted Union County authorities concerning a possible fraud in progress at a local car dealership. The victim reported that an identity theft protection company notified him that an Indian Trail car dealership had just run a credit history on him. The victim called the dealership and discovered that a customer, using his name, submitted an online credit application for a vehicle purchase. The dealership told the victim that the person posing as the victim had been calling the dealership inquiring about the status of his application.

Union County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the dealership, Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Indian Trail and began an investigation. In cooperation with the Sheriff's Office, the dealership contacted the suspect and informed him that his application was approved and that he needed to come in to sign the paperwork.

A short while later, two suspects arrived at the dealership in a Land Rover vehicle. One of the suspects remained in the Land Rover while the other went inside to complete the transaction for the vehicle purchase. This suspect produced a South Carolina driver's license bearing his own photo but displaying the victim's personal information.

After signing the purchase contract, deputies took him as well as the second suspect into custody. The suspect with the stolen identity in his possession was identified as **Barrington Jovan Llewellyn, age 26**, of 2111 Sebastiani Drive, Charlotte and the suspect who remained in the vehicle was identified as **Antoine Valentino Miller, age 34**. Miller provided an address of 6154 West Gate Drive, Orlando, Florida. Both suspects were transported to the Union County Jail and processed.

Llewellyn remains in the Union County Jail and faces a charge of Identity Theft and two counts of Obtaining Property by False Pretenses. His first appearance is scheduled for December 14, 2017.

Miller faces one charge of Obtaining Property by False Pretenses and is no longer in custody.

Sheriff Eddie Cathey praised the outstanding work of all deputies and detectives involved in the investigation. The sheriff pointed out the value of partnerships with businesses such as Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Indian Trail and how this case resulted in the identification of two fraud suspects largely due to their cooperation.



Llewellyn



Miller

Point of contact for this press release is Chief Communications Officer Tony Underwood, 704-292-2707.

Citizens with information concerning criminal activity are encouraged to call:

Union County Sheriff's Office at 704-283-3789

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