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CHICAGO POLICE DISMANTLE THEFT RING

Nine People Arrested and Charged in Connection to Retail Thefts

CHICAGO, IL – On December 10, 2014, Chicago Police arrested 9 offenders in connection to thefts from several retail stores.

Area Central detectives charged the below offenders Friday evening after their investigation revealed this group of offenders had over \$21,000 worth of merchandise from various retail stores in their possession. The offenders would arrive in vans, walk into a retail store, produce bags and then fill the bags with merchandise. The offenders would then exit the store without paying for the items. These offenders may be responsible for other similar thefts around the city and the investigation remains ongoing. This is not related to Neiman Marcus theft.

Michael Shaw, 40, of the 6900 block of S. Green, was charged with one felony count of Theft/Control/Person<\$500 and one felony count of Misappr Fin Inst Prop/\$500-\$10K.

Tabitha Jones, 25, of the 9000 block of S. Drexel, was charged with one felony count of Theft/Unauthd Control >\$500<\$10K and one misdemeanor count of Assault-Simple.

Lonyae Barr, 21, of the 1900 block of W. Garfield Blvd., was charged with one felony count of Theft/Unauthd Control >\$500<\$10K.

Dartanya Banks, 33, of the 7900 block of S. Ingleside, was charged with one felony count of Theft/Unauthd Control >\$500<\$10K.

Kiara Jefferson, 21, of the 8000 block of S. Dobson, was charged with one felony count of Theft/Unauthd Control >\$500<\$10K.

Ernestine Lucas, 64, of the 6500 block of S. Mozart, was charged with one felony count of Theft/Unauthd Control >\$500<\$10K and one felony count of Conspir Fin Crim/\$500-\$10K.

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Nicole Lucas, 33, of the 6500 block of S. Mozart, was charged with one felony count of Theft/Unauthd Control >\$500<\$10K and one felony count of Conspir Fin Crim/\$500-\$10K.

Tenisha Triplett, 29, address unknown, was charged with one felony count of Theft/Unauthd Control >\$500<\$10K.

Derrell Cooper, 21, of the 1900 block of E. 72nd Pl., was charged with one felony count of Theft/Control/Person<\$500.

The offenders are expected to appear in Central Bond Court, 2600 S. California, on Saturday, December 13, 2014.

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