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FCSO Detectives Identify Two Foreign Nationals as Suspects in Nationwide Distraction Theft Crime Spree After Theft in Palm Coast, One Arrest Has Been Made

Bunnell, FL – FCSO Detectives have identified two foreign nationals who are the suspects in Florida theft cases. The investigation into their identities began after the two subjects worked together to steal a woman's wallet and cell phone while shopping in a Palm Coast supermarket on October 29, 2022.

The victim told deputies she was in the produce section when a man walked up next to her and asked her a question. As she turned to speak with him, the other male suspect walked up to her shopping cart, reached into her purse, and removed her phone and wallet. Both suspects walked out of the store as the woman noticed her phone and wallet were stolen.

Deputies quickly discovered the suspects tried to use some of the credit cards to buy \$1,600 in gift cards at the Palm Coast Walmart, but the transaction was declined. Both men left Walmart and drove away in a black Toyota sedan with California tag 9ATS866.

Through investigative means, FCSO Detectives were able to identify the two subjects as Francisco Ignacio Urriola Gonzalez and Fabian Andres Toro Tobar, both from Chile and have remained in the United States illegally. Detectives are working with other Florida agencies to link Gonzalez and Tobar, who frequently go by other aliases, to additional cases across Florida.

On November 6, Fabian Andres Toro Tobar was arrested by the Maryland State Police in Harford County, Maryland, on a warrant obtained by FCSO. FCSO and the Maryland State Police are working together to extradite Tobar back to Flagler County to face charges of Fraudulent Use of Personal ID Info, Organized Fraud, and Grant Theft.

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Fabian Tobar Mugshot (Provided by the Maryland State Police)

“Strong investigative work by our Detectives and Real Time Crime Center along with assistance from several local, state, and federal agencies resulted in the quick arrest of one of the suspects and an end to his crime spree,” said Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly. “We hope that with the public’s help, we can get the other one into custody soon. This is also a good reminder to always protect our belongings when shopping.”

Although Fabian Tobar has been located, Francisco Gonzalez is still at-large. A photo of him is located below.



Fugitive Suspect Francisco Gonzalez who is still at-large

If you may know of Francisco Gonzalez’s whereabouts, please contact FCSO at (386) 313-4911 or email Tips@FlaglerSheriff.com.

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