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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **DETECTIVES ASK FOR PUBLIC'S HELP IN LOCATING IDENTITY THEFT SUSPECT**

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department's Identity Theft Task Force is asking for the public's help in locating Sacramento resident Cassandra Montrevel. A \$175,000 warrant has been issued for her arrest. She is wanted on seven felony counts of unlawful use of personal identifying information; one felony count of buying or receiving stolen property; and two misdemeanor counts of unlawful possession of a scanning device.

Task Force detectives believe Montrevel, while working as a sales clerk for a local retail boutique, stole numerous customer credit card numbers by use of a handheld credit card reading device commonly known as a "skimmer." Montrevel then used a credit card encoding device to re-encode the stolen credit card numbers onto credit cards issued under her own name, which she then used at numerous local businesses. Montrevel is suspected of fraudulently purchasing over \$15,000.00 in merchandise and gift cards with the stolen credit card numbers.

Detectives believe over 150 customers were victimized by Montrevel. They have recovered several thousand dollars worth of fraudulently purchased merchandise from Montrevel's residence and are currently looking to recover additional outstanding items.

The ID Task Force is confident all of the victims in this case have been identified and they, or their banks, have been contacted by law enforcement. It is not necessary to contact the Sheriff's Department regarding this investigation unless you have received a previous request to do so.

Montrevel (see photo below) is a 23-year-old White female. She is 5'6" tall and weighs 140 pounds. She has long brown hair and blue eyes. Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Cassandra Montrevel is urged to call the Sheriff's Department's IDTheft Task Force at (916) 874-3004, or Crime Alert at (916) 443-HELP. Callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.00.

*Sergeant Tim Curran*  
Sheriff's Spokesman



Cassandra Montrevel

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