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Samara L. Seward Charged in Thefts from Leon County Elementary Schools

The Leon County Sheriff's Office has arrested Samara Leneece Seward, 31, and charged her in connection with thefts from area elementary schools. Seward was taken into custody at the Residence Inn located at 1880 Raymond Diehl Road after School Resource Deputies located her rented Cadillac SUV in the parking lot.

The School Resource Deputies were acting on a tip from a concerned citizen. Deputies notified detectives from the Financial Crimes Unit and they responded to the scene. FCU detectives conducted follow up interviews served a search warrant and collected physical evidence.

Sheriff Larry Campbell stated, "A case such as this one verifies the importance of us all sharing information and working together toward common goals. School Safety officials worked closely with deputies and then shared information with teachers, faculty and parents. That information produced tips that led to the arrest."

The following is a timeline of the reported incidents:

-Monday, December 6, 2010 at 11:40 a.m. the suspect entered Astoria Park Elementary School and stole a wallet containing credit cards from an unattended classroom.

-Monday, December 6, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. the suspect entered Riley Elementary School and stole a wallet containing cash, checks and credit cards from an unattended classroom.

-Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. the suspect entered Desoto Trail Elementary School and stole a wallet containing credit cards from an unattended classroom.

-Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. the suspect entered Roberts Elementary School and stole a wallet from an unattended classroom.

-Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. the suspect entered Sealey Elementary School and stole a wallet containing cash and checks from an unattended classroom.

This investigation is continuing and additional charges are likely. Seward was taken to the Leon County Jail.

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ARRESTED

Samara L. Seward

DOB: 10-13-1978



Charges: Burglary (4 counts), Grand Theft, Petit Theft (3 counts), Criminal Use of Personal Identification Information, Credit Card Fraud, False Identification Given to Law Enforcement

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