

# LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### LCSO Arrested Four in Counterfeit Check Ring

On 07/26/10 the Leon County Sheriff's Office Financial Crimes Unit arrested four people in connection with a counterfeit check ring. Detectives with the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office were investigating several counterfeit checks that were cashed at local businesses in their county. During their investigation they learned that the subjects were possibly coming to Tallahassee to cash counterfeit checks or meet with the source of the counterfeit checks. Mutual Aid was enacted and detectives from both agencies worked together and tracked the subjects after they met at a Taco Bell in Tallahassee.

LCSO's Detective Ben Benedict arrested Christina M. Mejri, Anna L. Shade, Michael D. Gifford, and Anthony B. Cannon and charged them for their involvement in this case. Mejri was actually caught attempting to flush two counterfeit checks down the toilet at a local Popeye's Chicken. All of these subjects appear to be from the Orlando, Florida area.

Detectives say the investigation is continuing in efforts to identify the ring leader(s) and any other subjects involved. Additional charges may be forthcoming in both counties.

### ARRESTED

Christina M. Mejri

DOB: 02/02/78

Charges: Bank Fraud, Grand Theft, Possession of a Counterfeit Payment Instrument (2 counts), and Tamper/Destroy Evidence.

Anna L. Shade

DOB: 06/03/66

Charges: Bank Fraud and Grand Theft

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Michael D. Gifford

DOB: 05/25/90

Charges: Bank Fraud, Grand Theft, and Possession of a Counterfeit Payment Instrument (2 counts)

Anthony B. Cannon

DOB: 03/27/86

Charges: Bank Fraud and Grand Theft

