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LCSO Detectives Arrest Three in Fraud Ring

On Thursday 07/22/10 LCSO Financial Crimes Detectives responded to the Capital City Bank located at 3815 North Monroe Street to assist a Uniform Patrol Deputy. The deputy had detained three subjects who were attempting to cash checks on the account of Ard, Shirley, and Rudolph, PA. The bank's Branch Manager reported that the same three subjects attempted to cash checks on 07/21/10, but the bank did not have the funds necessary. This was due to five other subjects having been in that bank earlier on 07/21/10 and cashed five checks, which were also on the same businesses account. Those checks cashed totaled just over \$27,000.00.

The three subjects were identified by out of state driver's license. They were Aron Araya, Jimmy Lunsford, and Anteveia Brown. The subjects alleged to be homeless and were approached in Atlanta, Georgia by unknown black males who asked them to cash checks. The unknown black males drove them from Atlanta to Tallahassee on 07/21/10 and dropped them off at the Capital City Bank to cash checks, but the bank could not cash them due to a lack of funds. On 07/22/10 they were again dropped off at the Capital City Bank and attempted to cash the checks, but were detained by members of Leon County Sheriff's Office.

The checks the subjects attempted to cash on 07/22/10 totaled over \$10,000.00. It was confirmed with the business that none of these checks were issued by them and were in fact counterfeit.

Detectives are continuing the investigation in efforts to identify the five suspects who cashed the counterfeit checks on 07/21/10, as well as identify the ring leaders. Additional charges may be forthcoming.

ARRESTED

Aron T. Araya
DOB: 06/04/90

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

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Jimmy R. Lunsford

DOB: 06/05/73

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

Anteveia D. Brown

DOB: 05/10/76

Charges: Bank Fraud, Grand Theft, and Possession of Counterfeit Payment Instrument

