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Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: NOVEMBER 2006
TYPE OF INCIDENT: WALLET/PURSE THEFTS
LOCATION OCCURED: VARIOUS STORES WITHIN RIDGECREST
VICTIM(S): SEVERAL
SUSPECT(S): LINDA ROTH -- 52 YEARS OLD - RIDGECREST RESIDENT

INVESTIGATION BY THE RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT INTO THE THEFT OF WALLETS AND PURSES FROM CUSTOMERS AT LOCAL BUSINESSES HAS RESULTED IN AN ARREST. LINDA ROTH, A 52-YEAR-OLD FEMALE AND RIDGECREST RESIDENT, WAS ARRESTED TUESDAY AFTERNOON BY RPD DETECTIVES. ROTH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSPORTED TO THE KERN COUNTY JAIL WHERE SHE WAS BOOKED ON 18-COUNTS OF COMMERCIAL BURGLARY (PC 460(B)). BAIL WAS INITIALLY SET AT \$180,000.

THE RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT REMINDS RESIDENTS TO SAFEGUARD THEIR PROPERTY DURING THE BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON. DON'T LEAVE PURSES AND WALLETS IN SHOPPING CARTS. DON'T LEAVE PACKAGES OR GIFTS VISIBLE IN YOUR VEHICLE WHILE YOU ARE IN ANOTHER STORE. KEEP YOUR DOORS LOCKED.

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