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Ronald M. Strand, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE and TIME OF INCIDENT: Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 1245 hours.

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Grand Theft, Burglary

SUSPECT: Nichole Somsag, Resident of Trona

CRIMES: Penal Code 487(a) Grand Theft, Penal Code 460(b) Burglary, Penal Code 496 Receiving Stolen Property

LOCATION OCCURRED: 800 block of N. Downs St., City of Ridgecrest

On 10-01-08, at approximately 1245 hours an employee at Southland Pain Management in Ridgecrest noticed her purse and contents were missing. Ridgecrest Police patrol Officers were informed by the victim that her credit card was used at two local businesses in Ridgecrest. The suspect was subsequently identified as Michelle Somsag-Bell.

On 10-08-2008 Detectives from the Ridgecrest Police Department along with San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department contacted Nichole Somsag in Trona, California where she was arrested.

Somsag was charged with grand theft, burglary and possession of stolen property. She was transported to and booked at the Kern County Jail in Bakersfield, California. Somsag is being held on \$30,000.00 bail.

Ronald M. Strand: Chief of Police

PREPARED BY: Captain Paul Wheeler

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