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Detectives Arrest Thief Suspected of Targeting Elderly Shoppers

On Thursday, April 8, 2021, detectives from the Pleasanton Police Department arrested a suspect who stole from shoppers. In separate incidents spanning five months, the suspect intentionally approached the victims and engaged in conversation. While speaking to the victims, the suspect discreetly stole their wallets from their purses. The suspect made at least \$5000 in credit card charges, which was directly related to at least four reported cases. Detectives believe the suspect deliberately targeted the elderly since all of the victims were over the age of 60.

Our team of detectives devoted hours to following up on a number of leads that helped identify the suspect as 29-year-old Breonna Richard. Working with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, detectives obtained an arrest warrant and gathered intelligence to pinpoint the suspect's location. During the arrest, detectives discovered additional evidence indicative of fraud that may help solve other cases across the nation. Richard was booked at Santa Rita Jail and faces charges of elder abuse, identity theft, burglary, and multiple counts of theft by credit card.

The investigation is still ongoing and our detectives ask that anyone with additional information call (925) 931-5100. The Pleasanton Police Department would like to remind our community to stay alert and secure your belongings.

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