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### **Washington County Sheriff's Office Arrests Multiple Suspects Following Lake Elmo Package Thefts**

(STILLWATER, MN) – Four suspects are in custody after deputies responded to reports of package thefts in a Lake Elmo neighborhood.

On December 11 at approximately 1:30 p.m., a Washington County Sheriff's deputy was dispatched to the 800 block of Ivywood Circle North in Lake Elmo after a caller reported seeing a person exit a Saturn sedan and removing packages from the front porches of at least two homes. The alleged victims were not home at the time, and the deputy was unable to make contact with them during the initial response.

Shortly afterward, the Oakdale Police Department located the suspect vehicle parked in front of Twin Cities Pawn and subsequently detained them.

Matthew Thao of Maplewood, Long Thao of Woodbury, Her Pao Moua of St. Paul, and Mor Vang of St. Paul were taken into custody. Matthew and Long Thao were found in possession of multiple items not belonging to them including Social Security and credit cards. All four individuals have been charged with aiding and abetting mail theft.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office reminds residents to take proactive steps to protect their mail and packages, especially during the holiday season. Suggested tips include:

- Requesting signature confirmation for deliveries.
- Using secure package lockers or delivery boxes.
- Having packages delivered elsewhere or trusted neighbor.
- Installing doorbell or security cameras.
- Signing up for delivery alerts and tracking.

We are thankful for the vigilant neighbors who observed the packages being stolen and the assistance of Oakdale PD for the apprehension of the suspects.

Anyone who believes they may have been a victim in this case is encouraged to contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line at (651) 439-9381.

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