



## Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

# MEDIA RELEASE



## REGIONAL NARCOTICS UNIT

**Arlington Heights, Ohio June 9<sup>th</sup>**- Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports the arrest of two individuals involved in the possession of stolen checks totaling \$238,732.00. These checks were stolen from businesses in Fairfield and West Chester in Butler County and businesses in Warren County.

Agents with the Regional Narcotics Unit, Highway Interdiction Unit, stopped a rental car in Arlington Heights on June 8, 2015. The vehicle was stopped after Agents observed a number of traffic violations. The vehicle was eventually stopped at Clark and Illinois Ave. in Arlington Heights after the driver was unsuccessful in his attempt to elude the officers.

Agents arrested Christopher Williams of Goose Creek, South Carolina on 2 outstanding misdemeanor capiases. Agents charged Williams and a female identified as Jatera Clement of Berkley, West Virginia with possession of criminal tools and receiving stolen property.

RENU Agents then executed a search warrant at a Hamilton County Motel and recovered stolen checks valued at \$238,732.00 along with other criminal tools used for altering the stolen checks.

The investigation has determined that the checks all appeared to have been stolen from mailboxes at businesses in Warren and Butler County. It appears that these individuals drove around looking for businesses with outside unsecure mail boxes and removed the mail that had been delivered to that business on Saturday when the businesses were closed.

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The subjects would then alter the checks and make the checks payable to local Cincinnati individuals who would then attempt to cash the checks at local banking institutions. The local Cincinnati subject would receive 10% of the amount of the check when cashed, as payment for their participation. Agents determined that at least two of the checks were cashed on June 8<sup>th</sup> at Banks in Hamilton County.

All of the companies whose checks were stolen and recovered have been notified. Agents will present additional evidence to the Hamilton County Grand Jury which is expected to result in additional charges against these two subjects and possibly additional individuals.

Anyone with additional questions or information can contact The Regional Narcotic's Unit at 513-352-3673