



## **Banning Police Department**

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### *Press Release*

**Date:** March 11, 2009

**CASE #08-3557**

**Location:** 400 Block of Maidstone Street, Banning

**Incident:** Fictitious Check Scam



Jessica Michelle Alfaro



Jose Luis Luva

On March 10, 2009, Banning Police Detectives arrested forgery suspects; Jose Luis Luva and Jessica Michelle Alfaro, at their residence of 31221 Neer Street, in the City of Homeland for their involvement in a September and November, 2008, fraudulent counterfeit check writing spree.

Luva and Alfaro were responsible for drafting multiple counterfeit checks and cashing them at businesses in the Cities of Beaumont and Coachella. The total proceeds from Luva and Alfaro's counterfeit check scam netted them approximately \$2,000.00, within a two month period. This investigation was initiated after Luva and Alfaro passed counterfeit checks at "Food 4 Less" and "Fellas Peredes," in the City of Coachella and Wal-Mart in the City of Beaumont.

Luva and Alfaro were charged with 476 PC, Make Fictitious Checks, 470 (A) PC, Forgery, 475 PC, Possess Bad Checks and 182 (A) (1) PC, Conspiracy. Luva and Alfaro were transported and booked into the Smith Correctional Facility in the City of Banning.

The Banning Police Department urges citizens to report any fraudulent activity to the police department. For further information pertaining to this case please contact the Banning Police Department Detective Bureau at (951) 922-3180.

#### **Suspect Information:**

**Suspect# 1:** Jose Luis Luva, H/M, D.O.B: 09-14-1978, 508/196,  
Black / Brown, California D.L. # B7207179.

**Suspect# 1:** Jessica Michelle Alfaro, H/F, D.O.B: 01-05-1983, 502/125,  
Brown / Brown, California D.L. # D1222209.