



**Date:** March 28, 2008

CASE #08-1213

**Location:** 233 W. Nicolet Street, apartment# 11, Banning

**Incident:** Burglary, Possession of Stolen Property and Crimes against Elders



Larente Ann Murray

On March 27, 2008, Banning Police Officers and Detectives served a search warrant at 233 W. Nicolet Street, apartment# 11, Banning, CA. 92220. The search warrant was initiated for the recovery of stolen property from five residential burglaries in the City of Banning. The suspect, Larente Ann Murray preyed upon the elderly citizens of Banning residing in the fifty-five and over communities of Serrano Del Vista and Sunrise Mobile Home Park.

Murray's method of operation included seeking elderly care employment and one-time cleaning services. She obtained the trust of her victims by doing medial tasks and small favors inside the residence. Murray was most known for knocking on residential doors and asking the residential occupants if her four year old daughter could use their restroom. After Murray's daughter would use the restroom, Murray would then ask if she could also use the restroom. Murray would leave her daughter in the living room area with the victim as a distraction ploy. Murray would then walk to the victim's bedroom and other areas of the residence to steal valuable items and money.

Most of Murray's victims stated she would hastily exit their residences once she had concealed their stolen items. Murray mainly wore nurse's attire during the burglaries. Once Murray left the residence with the stolen items, she would take the items to a local pawn shop in the City of Banning. Prior to conducting the search warrant, Officers had positively identified five elderly victims in the City of Banning and one elderly victim in the City of Cherry Valley. Officers recovered many stolen items from the local pawn shop. There were seventeen diamond rings valued at \$34,474 dollars and twenty-eight collector coins, dating back to the 1800's with a value undetermined. Additionally there were six necklaces, two bracelets, Dell lap-top computer and camera, all with undetermined values.

The property recovered from Murray's residence during the search warrant included: two stolen necklaces, a gold ring, a stolen vacuum cleaner, a telescope and a Bose Radio system. There were also miscellaneous items that have not yet been identified by victims. The Banning Police Department will host several evidence exhibitions for the established crime victims and possible unreported victims of Murray's crimes.

Anyone having additional information about Larente Murray or any crimes Larente Murray may have committed, please contact the Banning Police Department. If you are an unreported victim, or have had any similar contact with Murray please contact the on-duty Watch Commander or Officer Brian Walker at the Banning Police Department (951) 922-3170.

The Banning Police Department strongly recommends that you not allow anyone into your residence without first providing proper identification or business credentials to facilitate their purpose or visit.

**Suspect Information:** Larente Ann Murray, D.O.B. 05/03/1983, 5'5" – 155 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. Suspect is known to wear professional nursing attire.

Inquires: Banning Police Department Detective Bureau (951) 922-3180.