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Arrest in Vehicle Burglaries Involving Elderly Victims

St. Petersburg detectives arrested two people for following elderly victims home from stores, in order to steal their purses as they unload their shopping bags.

Shagontha Legrand, (male DOB 12-13-86) and Raven Mitchell, (female DOB 7-5-96) were arrested last evening. Booking photos available on our Facebook page.

On April 8, they followed a 95 year old woman as she drove home from the grocery store, and stole her purse from her car after she parked in front of her home. The victim was still in the car, but was not injured.

Legrand and Mitchell are connected with a similar case involved a 90 year old woman, April 10. In that case, the suspects searched the victim's car and trunk after she returned from the grocery store. They didn't find anything to steal, but a witness provided police with the getaway car's tag number, and our detectives were able to identify Legrand and Mitchell.

Last night, detectives observed them in a Walgreen's parking lot, 900 49th Street North, entering an unlocked SUV and stealing a purse. They were arrested shortly afterwards, and the property was returned to the owner.

Mitchell and Legrand each face charges for:

- burglary of an unoccupied conveyance(felony)
- burglary of an occupied conveyance (felony)
- possession of marijuana (misdemeanor)

They also have charges connected to cases in Pinellas Park.

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