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NEWS RELEASE

Hinesville Police Department Makes Arrest in January Purse Theft Case

HINESVILLE, Ga. (February 8, 2019) – On the morning of January 17, 2019, a 77-year-old handicap female had her purse stolen from her possession. The victim was attempting to move from one motorized handicap shopping cart to another when a white male grabbed her purse out of the cart's basket. Once the suspect had the victim's purse in his possession, he ran to a dark colored vehicle in the parking lot and fled the area.

Officers responded to the incident location and a robbery investigation was initiated. During this investigation, Wal-Mart asset protection personnel assisted in identifying suspects. Investigators also learned the suspects were involved in numerous other incidents throughout southeast Georgia.

In the early morning of January 28, 2019, the first suspect, Jonathan Devillars of Hinesville, Ga., was located and arrested by Cpl. Jess Lamberth at a gas station on E.G. Miles Parkway. This arrest began a chain of events that led to the arrest of the second suspect, Gary Goldinger of Hinesville, Ga., at a local hotel.

After both suspects were in custody, investigators with the Hinesville Police Department, Liberty County Sheriff's Office and the Richmond Hill Police Department were able to recover a total of three stolen weapons (one stolen during a burglary in Hinesville and two stolen during a burglary in Metter) and one stolen crossbow (stolen during a burglary in Metter). This also resulted in these individuals being identified as persons of interest in three burglaries, an entering auto, a shoplifting, possession of a stolen financial transaction cards, financial transaction card fraud and multiple forgery and identity theft incidents. Both suspects were brought before a Liberty County magistrate judge, where their bond was denied.

ABOUT THE CITY OF HINESVILLE:

The [City of Hinesville](#) was established in 1837 and is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Georgia in both size and population. As the largest city in Liberty County, it serves as the county seat and is home to more than 35,000 people. To stay up-to-date on news from the City of Hinesville, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) or join our [Notify Me](#) subscription at cityofhinesville.org.

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