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In early January 2025, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office began to receive reports regarding the theft of mail from rural Newton residences. As a result of the theft of mail, victims reported that credit cards and checks were being used at various banks and businesses. An investigation was able to identify a male suspect and a female suspect, and vehicles used.

On January 21st, 2025, a Jasper County Deputy observed the male suspect and female suspect in a vehicle at a Newton Apt Complex and stopped to speak with them. The male suspect took off on foot in attempt to get away from the deputy. The deputy detained the female and followed the male suspect to an apartment where he was taken into custody. A search warrant was conducted on the apartment associated with the male and female. Two vehicles were also seized pending search warrants.

As a result of this investigation, John Davis, age 32, and Lauren Parkison, age 30, both of Newton, were arrested with the following charges:

John Davis

- Violation of NCO – Simple Misdemeanor
- Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Misdemeanor
- Theft 3rd – Agg Misdemeanor
- Theft 5th – Simple Misdemeanor
- Unauthorized Credit Card x6 – Agg Misdemeanor
- Identity Theft < \$1500 x6 – Agg Misdemeanor
- Identity Theft > \$1500-\$10,000 – Class D Felony
- Forgery x1 – Class D Felony
- Interference – Simple Misdemeanor
- Poss Controlled Substance – Serious Misdemeanor
- Poss of Marijuana x2 – Serious Misdemeanor
- Poss of Drug Paraphernalia – Simple Misdemeanor
- False ID – Simple Misdemeanor

Lauren Parkison

- Violation of NCO – Simple Misdemeanor
- Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Misdemeanor
- Theft 2nd – Class D Felony
- Theft 3rd x2 – Agg Misdemeanor
- Theft 4th – Serious Misdemeanor
- Theft 5th – Simple Misdemeanor
- Unauthorized Credit Card x6 – Agg Misdemeanor

Identity Theft < \$1500 x7 – Agg Misdemeanor
Identity Theft > \$1500-\$10,000 x2 – Class D Felony
Forgery x4 – Class D Felony
Interference – Simple Misdemeanor
Poss Controlled Substance – Serious Misdemeanor
Poss of Marijuana – Serious Misdemeanor
Poss of Drug Paraphernalia – Simple Misdemeanor

Criminal charges are merely allegations, and the persons charged should be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Investigation is ongoing and no other information is available at this time. Jasper County Sheriff's Office was assisted by Newton Police Department and United States Postal Inspection Service.

Brad M. Shutts, Sheriff

