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SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR SCHEME TO DEFRAUD; ADDITIONAL CHARGES PENDING

WHO: Joyce Ray (Arrested)

DOB: 9-24-65

5504 Blue Jay Lane

Tampa, Fla.

CHARGES: Scheme to Defraud

Burglary Occupied (Structure)

Grand Theft (2 counts)

Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor

WHAT: Burglary, Grand Theft Arrest

SEIZED: 2008 Dodge Charger

WHEN: October 27, 2009

11:01 p.m.

WHERE: 3130 Gulf to Bay Boulevard

Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: Clearwater Police Patrol Units were conducting speed enforcement in the 3200 block of Gulf to Bay Boulevard. Police officers stopped the suspect for going 79 mph in a 45 mph zone. When officers pulled the suspect over, she handed her 16-year-old female passenger (no relation) an open container of alcohol to hold. Upon further investigation, officers learned the suspect was in possession of stolen credit cards which had been used to purchase gift cards and clothing, which was located in the trunk of the vehicle.

Further investigation revealed the suspect stole the credit cards from employees at David's Bridal on Gulf to Bay Boulevard in Clearwater. When the employees were distracted, the suspect accessed "employee only" areas, found employees' purses and stole multiple credit cards. The suspect used the stolen credit cards to make fraudulent purchases. The suspect is charged with scheme to defraud, grand





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theft and burglary of an occupied structure. She is also charged for contributing to the delinquency of a minor for her actions during the traffic stop.

Detectives are investigating other cases involving the suspect. Additional charges are pending. The 16-year-old was released to her family.

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