



NEWTON COUNTY
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For immediate release

Press Release

The Newton County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's assistance in an attempt to identify victims of identity theft uncovered by the recent arrest of a female, Desmeiyon Meadows.

Desmeiyon Meadows was recently arrested for 5 counts of theft by taking (felony), 5 counts of forgery 4th degree (felony), 6 counts of identity theft, and 1 count of financial card fraud.

These charges stemmed from Kroger loss prevention contacting Newton County Sheriff's Office in late April to report that employee, Desmeiyon Meadows was suspected of criminal activity. During the investigation, the investigator gained probable cause for the arrest of Desmeiyon Meadows regarding the listed charges.

As part of the investigation, an audit was performed on Desmeiyon Meadows previous transactions and it was discovered that she has been working with an unknown male accomplice(s), therefore, she was charged with those fraudulent transactions as well. The Newton County Sheriff's Office also needs assistance in identifying Desmeiyon Meadows' unknown male accomplice(s). ***Video to follow showing at least one male accomplice****

Upon Desmeiyon Meadows' arrest her cell phone was confiscated and a search warrant was obtained to search the phone. When the phone was searched, there were pictures and/or videos of debit cards, checks, driver's licenses, and social security cards of over 100 different individuals. This is where Newton County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's assistance.

If you have conducted business at the Kroger, 3700 Salem Road, Covington, Ga 30016 in the past year and your personal information **HAS** been compromised or you **BELIEVE** it has been compromised please contact Investigator Clinton French at fraudtips@newtonsheriffga.org. Leave your name so that it can be cross referenced with the names located in the phone.

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