

Woman arrested for stealing mail and packages

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A woman is facing criminal charges related to stealing more than 100 pieces of mail and packages in Curry County and Del Norte County.

Curry County Sheriff John Ward reported that on December 9, at approximately 7:41a.m., a resident off Olsen Lane in Harbor reported to sheriff's office dispatch that she observed a woman in a black Honda Accord who was opening mailboxes and taking mail from numerous boxes on Sunset Strip.

A deputy responded from Highway 101 near the intersection of West Benham Lane. As the deputy traveled down West Benham Lane, he observed a smaller black car that appeared to match the description provided by the witness turn off Wenbourne Lane onto West Benham and then travel towards the port.

As the deputy caught up to the car, he observed it to turn onto Boat Basin Road and could see it was a Honda as described by the witness. There appeared to be only one occupant. The suspect vehicle entered Beach Front R.V. Park and about halfway down, the vehicle pulled into a parking spot and contact was made by the deputy.

While exiting and approaching the vehicle, the deputy could see the driver through the rear window moving around leaning over the passenger seat. It appeared the suspect was attempting to conceal items. When the deputy reached the driver's window, he could see a large amount of mail on the passenger seat and floorboard.

The deputy ordered the female and sole occupant out of the vehicle. After complying, the female was placed in handcuffs. The female suspect identified herself as 31-year-old Tasheena Cole. During the interview with Cole, she admitted to stealing the mail.

Cole was arrested and taken to the Curry County Jail. Cole's vehicle was seized and towed to a secured location to be held while a search warrant was applied for. At approximately 2:13 p.m., members of the Curry County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant on Cole's vehicle. Well over 100 pieces of mail and packages were recovered from the Harbor area of Curry County and Smith River in Del Norte County. The investigation continues and the victims will be contacted by the sheriff's office in the near future.

Since this arrest, the Curry County Sheriff's Office continues to receive numerous complaints of mail being stolen in the county.