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Caught in the Act! Police Capture Valley Wide Health Club Locker Thieves

Glendale, Ariz. – On Thursday, August, 15th, 2013, Detectives from the Glendale Police Department apprehended two suspects believed to be connected to several Health Club Locker Burglaries that have occurred this summer in the city of Glendale and throughout the Valley Metro Area, to include Peoria and Phoenix. In a joint investigative effort, Glendale and Peoria Police Detectives developed information that led them to the suspects, Joseph Meddenhall and Katlyn Munger.

During an undercover surveillance operation, Detectives were able to observe the two suspects at a Valley Racquet and Health Club in Phoenix. The investigation revealed Munger burglarized a locker in the facility, stealing a victim's purse. Munger then returned to the suspect vehicle at which time Meddenhall was observed using the victim's keys to burglarize the victim's vehicle parked in the health club parking lot. Detectives continued surveillance on the two suspects, later observing Munger using the victim's credit card at local grocery store in Phoenix.

Through their outstanding investigative efforts, Detectives working the case developed probable cause for the arrests of Munger and Meddenhall, 27 and 26 years old, both residents of Phoenix. They were both taken into custody that same day without incident. Meddenhall was in possession of a handgun when

taken into custody, and the investigation revealed he had been armed with the handgun during the Health Club Burglary earlier in the day.

A Search warrant was obtained for a residence in Phoenix connected to both Munger and Mendenhall. Glendale and Peoria Detectives located several items of evidence connected to the string of Health Club Locker Burglaries, to include a large container full of dozens of keys and cut padlocks. Detectives were able to successfully obtain confessions and recover some of the stolen property. Munger and Mendenhall were both charged with multiple Felony counts of Burglary and could be facing several more charges. Detectives have connected these two individuals to nearly 20 cases so far throughout the valley, and there may be many more.

See attached booking and surveillance photos for media use. Please direct all inquiries and requests to the Glendale Police Public Information Office.

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