



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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SYNOPSIS:

On 7/14/18, Michael and Veronica Mahaffey reported their motorhome and a storage shed on their property in Ramona were burglarized. During the burglary, the suspect took numerous items including expensive jewelry, two unique electric bicycles, and tools. The total loss estimated by the Mahaffey's was between ninety-Five and one-hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

On 7/17/18, the Mahaffey's obtained some anonymous information about the location of their stolen property and the person responsible for the theft. The Mahaffey's went to 929 East Old Julian Highway and confronted 24 year old Christopher Payne who admitted to the theft.

The Mahaffey's contacted the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, who arrived on scene and detained Payne. Detectives eventually obtained a search warrant for the location. Following the search, an estimated \$10,000 of property was recovered from Payne's residence as well as suspected narcotics. Payne was arrested on charges of vehicle burglary, commercial burglary, and possession of stolen property. The stolen property was returned to the Mahaffey's.