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PRESS RELEASE

MOUNT PROSPECT POLICE ARREST TWO SUBJECTS FOR FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF AN ELDERLY PERSON



Jocelyn Bugayon Richard Bugayon

On Tuesday, December 20, 2011, The Mount Prospect Police Department arrested two subjects for Unlawful Financial Exploitation of an Elderly Person.

The police began an investigation into the matter when they received a report from a subject stating he noticed a substantial reduction in funds in his 92 year-old aunt's checking account. Upon investigating the matter, police discovered that over a period of several months, the victim's married caretakers, Jocelyn Bugayon and Richard Bugayon, both of the 1500 block of West Dempster Street in Mount Prospect, had been writing checks to themselves from the victim's checking account. The offenders would lead the victim to believe she was endorsing checks to various charities. After the victim endorsed the checks, the offenders would increase the dollar amount on the checks and make them out to either CASH or their own names. The offenders then kept the money, which totaled approximately \$2,400.00.

Each offender was charged with one count of Unlawful Financial Exploitation of an Elderly Person, a Class 3 Felony, and transported to the Cook County 3rd District Court in Rolling Meadows to await a bond hearing.

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The public is reminded that criminal charges are not evidence of guilt and that all defendants in a criminal case are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

This case stands as an unfortunate reminder for citizens to know well the people who have access to any personal information. Citizens should also pay close attention to friends and family who may not have the ability to manage their own financial affairs or simply are too trusting of others and are more prone to be victimized in this manner.

