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MEDIA RELEASE

Ingleside Woman Charged in Mail Theft Ring

Lake County Sheriff's Detectives charged a person connected to a group stealing mail from Lake County mailboxes.

On October 30, 2021, Antioch Police Officers stopped a vehicle suspected of being involved in thefts of mail. They took two individuals into custody. One of those people, Kristin A. Siminak, 34, of the 26000 block of West Lakeview Avenue, Ingleside, was suspected of being involved in thefts of mail from unincorporated Lake County.

Lake County Sheriff's Detectives conducted additional follow-up investigation, which revealed Siminak was involved in thefts of checks from mailboxes in northern Lake County. Siminak and others would take the stolen checks, chemically alter them, and then have them cashed, for their own gain.

After reviewing the facts and circumstances with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, Siminak was subsequently charged on November 2, 2021, with three counts of forgery (class 3 felonies) and one count of mail fraud (class 3 felony).

Siminak remains in custody at the Lake County Jail on \$40,000.00 bail. She is next due in court on November 23, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom T020.

Sheriff's detectives continue to investigate these thefts and future additional charges for additional individuals are possible.

The sheriff's office recommends some tips to better secure your mail:

- Pick up mail as soon as possible after it's delivered to your mailbox
- Rather than placing mail in street mailbox for delivery, consider dropping it in secure postal box
- Have your mail held at the post office when traveling
- Consider a mailbox which requires a lock to retrieve your mail
- Consider signing up for the U.S. Postal Service's 'Informed Delivery' service, where you can digitally

preview mail scheduled to arrive in your mailbox

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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