OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

CHRISTIE STANLEY
District Attorney



DA 04-0017
RELEASE NUMBER

June 24, 2008
RELEASE DATE

APPROVED BY

Norma Hansen

CONTACT PERSON (805) 568-2360

***** PRESS RELEASE *****

June 24, 2008

Subject: Fraud Suspects Arrested

On Friday, June 13, 2008, District Attorney Investigators arrested two suspects following an investigation into a sophisticated forgery and fraud operation. Bradley Christopher Stark (33 years old) and Pamela Charlene Stark (41 years old) were booked into County Jail following their arrest. The arrest occurred at 419 Terrace Road, in Santa Barbara. The Starks' bail has been set at \$1 million apiece.

The District Attorney's Office has filed a Criminal Complaint charging Bradley Stark with eight counts of Passing Non-sufficient Funds Checks; four counts of Grand Theft; three counts of Making a False Financial Statement; one count of Forgery; and two counts of Passing a Fictitious Check.

The District Attorney's Office has filed a Criminal Complaint charging Pamela Stark with one count of Commercial Burglary; four counts of Passing Non-sufficient Funds Checks; one count of passing a Fictitious Check; and four counts of Grand Theft.

The alleged victims that received non-sufficient funds and fictitious checks are local entities such as the Encina Lodge, the West Beach Inn, The Santa Barbara Surgery Center, Bishop Garcia Diego High School, Santa Barbara Luxury Rentals and a rental property owner in Santa Barbara. The complaint also alleges that Bradley Stark allegedly committed theft by false pretenses by falsely stating his financial condition in an attempt to buy a \$4.4 million home listed for sale in Montecito.

The investigation into the Stark's illegal activities is continuing. Investigators believe there may be additional victims in the Santa Barbara area. Anyone with information about the Starks is encouraged to contact District Attorney Investigator Norma Hansen at 568-2360.



