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## ***2 Cottonwood Residents Arrested for VOC and Sedona Burglaries***

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On June 23, 2009, a Yavapai County Sheriff's deputy was dispatched to a reported residential burglary in the 400 block of Verde Valley School Road, Village of Oak Creek. The homeowner had been gone for several days and upon return, discovered that two firearms, ammunition, silver coins and assorted jewelry had been taken from his home.

The homeowner believed his daughter, 19-year-old Stefanie Fischer, was involved likely due to his knowledge of her illicit drug use. He indicated his daughter was likely staying at a home in the 1300 block of Paradise Drive, Cottonwood.

During a follow-up investigation on June 24<sup>th</sup>, deputies went to the Paradise Drive home. Upon arrival, residents told deputies that a male subject, identified as 27-year-old Ryan Hamman, had just run from the house into a back field. After a brief search, Hamman was found hiding in some tall bushes. Hamman was detained as was Fischer, who was also home at the time deputies were on scene. Deputies arrested Hamman for Resisting Arrest and a probation violation. Deputies spoke with Fischer and she denied any involvement in the theft from her father's house. Hamman was transported and booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center.

On June 28, 2009, a deputy returned to the Paradise Drive home and spoke with Hamman's family members. Hamman had since been released on bond and was living with Fischer somewhere in Cornville. Hamman confided to family members that he thought the deputies had come to his home on June 24<sup>th</sup> because of a burglary he and Fischer had done at a Diamond Golf Resorts office. Hamman noted that Fischer had worked for Diamond Resorts and still had a key to some of the offices. Deputies verified a theft from the Diamond Resorts Office on Sun Ridge Circle in the VOC in mid-June and learned of additional thefts from offices in Sedona.

Deputies supplied investigative leads to Sedona detectives who also confirmed similar burglaries in their city. Sedona detectives and deputies were present on July 1<sup>st</sup> when Hamman arrived for an unrelated Verde court appearance. Fischer was with him. Both were arrested for involvement in the Diamond Resort burglaries in Sedona and the VOC. Fischer was also charged with the burglary of her father's home and admitted selling, pawing or trading her father's firearms and property for cash and drugs. Hamman's involvement, if any, in this burglary remains under investigation as does the participation of both suspects in additional burglaries.

Both were booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center. Hamman remains in-custody. Fischer is out on bond pending court.

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