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“Auburn Police Crack Prostitution Ring and Unsolved Robbery”

On Tuesday December 2nd, 2008 following a joint investigation involving the Auburn Police Department, the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, New York State Parole and Cayuga County Probation Department, Officers conducted an undercover prostitution operation resulting in the arrest of two individuals, Ashley D. Byrne and Barbara L. Fuller. Auburn Police charged these two females with prostitution when during the sting the females agreed to exchange sexual intercourse for a monetary fee with undercover Officers. The two defendants were additionally charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance. It is believed that these two women are part of a local ring of prostitutes. This investigation is on going and additional arrests are pending.

In addition to this operation Auburn Police made arrests regarding an unsolved robbery case that was reported to Auburn Police on July 6th, 2008 where it was reported by a local convenience store employee that they were robbed of the nightly bank deposits as the employee was walking to the bank to make the deposit drop. This investigation determined that the employee and her husband had faked the robbery and falsely reported the incident to Police. Arrested were Andrew G. Byrne and his wife Ashley D. Byrne. Andrew is currently on Parole and Ashley is currently under the supervision of the Cayuga County Probation Department.

The Auburn Police Department is encouraging anyone who may have additional information on either of the above listed investigations to call the Auburn Police Detective Bureau at 315-255-4705. Calls can remain anonymous.

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