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On November 2, 2011 the Butte County Sheriff's Office received a report from Feather Falls Casino regarding a female attempting to pass a fraudulent check. Sheriff's Deputies arrived at the casino and detained the female, identified as Isela Gradilla (DOB: 4/29/81) from Yuba City. After speaking with Casino Staff, it was discovered that Gradilla had arrived with three other people. Deputies located the three other involved people, identified as Giovanni Yang (DOB: 6/2/64) from Sacramento, Angela Vitela (DOB: 10/14/80) from Sacramento, and Bernie Nacpil (DOB: 8/8/74) from Sacramento. During the course of this investigation, it was discovered that the four individuals had been involved with an identity theft ring involved in the making of fictitious checks and drivers licenses. A search of the vehicle used by the suspects yielded check making materials, printers, computers, fraudulent identification cards and stolen property in the form of checks, mail, bank cards and identifications.
As of this time, the Butte County Sheriff's Office Felony Investigations Unit has been able to locate at least 15 victims of identity theft related to this case, all of which were out of the Sacramento area.

All four suspects were taken into custody and booked into Butte County Jail, Oroville. Gradilla was booked on charges of Burglary, Forgery and Identity Theft. Yang was booked on charges of Identity Theft. Vitela was booked on charges of Identity Theft. Nacpil was booked on charges of Identity Theft and a no bail parole hold.