



## Porterville Police Department Press Release

**Incident:** Check forgery  
Check forgery with intent to defraud  
Financial elder abuse

**Date:** December 11, 2012

**Location:** Wal-Mart Store, 1275 W. Henderson Avenue, Porterville

**Suspect:** Olga Palafox, 50 years, Porterville resident

**Narrative:**

On January 12, 2012, Officer of the Porterville Police Department was contacted by an 85 year old female reporting fraud. The female victim advised that on December 11, 2011, she purchased a puppy from Olga Palafox who was selling the puppies in front of the Wal-Mart store located at 1275 W. Henderson Avenue in Porterville. The female victim provided Palafox with a personal check in the amount of \$60.00 as payment.

On January 12, 2012, the victim received her bank statement and noticed the personal check written to Palafox had been deposited into an account in the amount of \$160.00. The victim received a copy of the check and noticed the check had been altered without her permission to reflect the amount of \$160.00.

Olga Palafox was identified by Porterville Police Officers as a Porterville resident. Palafox was contacted and admitted to forging the victim's personal check with the intent to defraud the elderly victim. Palafox was arrested for charges of check forgery, check forgery with intent to defraud, and financial elder abuse. Palafox was booked into the Tulare County Sheriff's Department's Bob Wiley Detention Facility where she is being held in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact Officer Marcial Morales or Officer Chris McGuire at (559) 782-7400.