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The theft of a purse results in the arrest of two Georgetown residents. Yolanda Nash reported her purse being stolen from the Meadow Wood Nursing Home where she works. Ms. Nash reported the theft to Ptl. Kyle Singleton of the Georgetown Police Department. During his investigation, Ptl. Singleton gained information that one of Ms. Nash's checks had been cashed earlier in the evening at Domino's Pizza in Georgetown. Pizza's had been delivered to the Georgetown Motel and the bill was paid for with the stolen check. Singleton, Ptl. Joe Euton of the Georgetown Police Department and Deputy Larry Meyer of the Brown County Sheriff's Department responded to the Motel and located the suspects. After obtaining a permission to search the officers located the stolen purse and its contents. Several other food items that had been purchased with stolen checks were also recovered. These items had been purchased from Domino's and the Schwan's delivery truck. Singleton was able to obtain confessions from both suspects regarding the items in question. Additionally, during his interview of the suspect's Singleton found out the suspects were going door to door soliciting money for an alleged sick child, when in reality they were going to use that money to pay their rent. The female suspect was claiming her daughter was ill and she needed money for her. The female suspect's daughter is not ill and she doesn't even have custody of her. Over \$100.00 was found on the female suspect that she admitted came from donations.

Jillynn Pendleton, 19 years of age from Georgetown and Aaron Hall, 26 years of age also from Georgetown were both arrested on numerous charges. Pendleton and Hall were arrested on Theft-without consent/Theft-by deception/Passing Bad Checks/Forgery and Complicity.

The Georgetown Police will be checking with the businesses in the village to make sure no other containers were placed for this bogus scam. Chief Buddy Coburn stated, "It is very sad that someone would stoop to this level and lie about the health of their own child in order to obtain money for their own personal use. Chief Coburn urges any and all Georgetown business owners to contact his office if they are approached by anyone wanting to place such a collection receptacle in their store. Unfortunately, as the Holiday Season approaches will we probably see an increase in this and other types of frauds. If you have person's soliciting for money in your neighborhood, please let the Georgetown Police know and we will check it out.