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U.S. Postal Inspectors and Houston Police Department Arrest Fugitive and Co-conspirators Tied to Large Criminal Network and Gang Activity in Houston, TX

Houston, TX – The U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Houston Police Department (HPD) Major Offenders Division and Westside Divisional Gang Unit arrested fugitive Kenneth Charles Hicks, fraud suspect Wahaj Ahmed Usama, and documented “Peckerwood” white supremacist gang member Anthoney Hale for their suspected involvement in a large criminal network responsible for mail theft, manufacturing of fake IDs, and other financial crimes, including bank fraud, in Harris County. The three suspects were arrested on May 14, 2025, in Spring, TX.

U.S. postal inspectors with assistance from HPD detectives and tactical units conducted an investigation that tracked fugitive Kenneth Hicks and his co-conspirators to a location in Spring, TX. Hicks had an outstanding felony warrant for first degree fraudulent use or possession of identifying information. The investigation tied Hicks to criminal activity involving multiple other suspects and connected him to a large fraud and narcotics ring operating in Harris and Fort Bend Counties.

Postal inspectors and HPD detectives arrested and booked Hicks on an open felony Harris County warrant for fraudulent use possession of identifying information and possession of a controlled substance confirmed to be methamphetamine.

Suspect Wahaj Ahmed Usama was arrested and charged with possession and fraudulent use of identifying information.

Alleged gang member Anthoney Hale was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

“The U.S. Postal Inspection Service values our law enforcement partners for supporting our mission and extends our appreciation to the Houston Police Department Major Offenders Division and Westside Divisional Gang Unit for their assistance with ensuring fugitives and mail thieves are brought to justice,” said Acting Inspector in Charge, Houston Division Shameka P. Jackson.

This investigation is ongoing, and additional charges are forthcoming. It is important to note that criminal charges are only allegations against a person. Every defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

If anyone believes they have been a victim of mail theft, please contact the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at 877-876-2455 or <https://www.uspis.gov/report>.

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