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## **SEMINOLE COUNTY**

### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Facebook tip leads to arrest**

Seminole Co. Fla., (10-01-14) – Investigators with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on Monday arrested a local woman for several counts of identity theft and unlawful use of stolen credit cards.

On September 11, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office posted to its social media sites, a request for the public's help identifying a woman who used credit cards stolen from a vehicle burglary. The post included a surveillance photo from a local store of the female suspect using a stolen credit card. Some people came forward with tips the following day after seeing the Facebook post and disclosed her identity to the investigators. After a thorough investigation, these tips ultimately helped lead to her arrest on Monday, September 29.

Malinda Duggan, 43, of Fern Park, was charged with thirteen counts of identity theft, thirteen counts of unlawful use of stolen credit cards, burglary to a motor vehicle, and theft from a motor vehicle. She was booked into the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and is being held on a \$54,250 bond. Thank you to our Facebook and Twitter followers for helping SCSO investigators solve this crime!

Please remember to practice the following tips:

- Always lock your parked vehicle.
- Never leave your vehicle unattended while it's running.
- Remove valuables and items with personal information (wallet, cell phone, check book, electronics).
- Be aware of people looking into parked vehicles and report suspicious activity to law enforcement immediately.
- Don't keep spare keys, valet keys, or your garage door opener inside your vehicle.

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