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Police Bust Shoplifting Scheme

Idaho Falls Police arrested two men Monday who used fake receipts to steal thousands of dollars in merchandise from Walmart stores in Idaho and Utah.

Jerel Edward Lewis, 40, and Brandon Scott Gaskill, 39, both of Idaho Falls were arrested at their residence in the 1300 block of Ashment Avenue and booked into the Bonneville County Jail for burglary.

Police received information that in the last 18 months Lewis and Gaskill had used counterfeit receipts to steal from Walmart stores in Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Blackfoot, Rexburg, Twin Falls, Boise and Salt Lake City.

Gaskill and Lewis printed the receipts using photographed barcodes they obtained with their cell phone cameras. The men would return to the stores, take the merchandise and use the receipts if stopped by store employees.

Officers obtained a search warrant for the residence and recovered an estimated \$7,500 in merchandise, including a 32' flat screen television, Kitchen Aid mixer, Playstation 3 and a motorized scooter. Computers and printers were also confiscated.

The case remains under investigation.

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Woman Arrested for Battery on Officer

Idaho Falls Police arrested Stacey Lynn Boyles Monday for disturbing the peace and felony battery on an officer.

Police responded to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center around 2 p.m. on Monday as it was reported that 20-year-old Boyles was being loud, disruptive and shouting profanities at the emergency room staff.

While an officer spoke with her, Boyles of Pocatello grabbed the officer's shirt and began swinging her arms in an attempt to hit the officer. After the officer restrained Boyles and tried to calm her down, Boyles then kneed the officer in the back.

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I.F. Man Arrested for Aggravated DUI

Idaho Falls Police arrested Marcus Jose Rodriguez Monday for aggravated driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident after a 22-year-old man was injured in an accident.

According to reports, police responded to John's Hole around 8:30 p.m. after EMS responded to the area to treat injuries a man sustained in an accident.

Upon investigation, officers learned that the victim had fallen off a green Ford Expedition driven by Rodriguez. The victim had been hanging onto the side of the vehicle when Rodriguez accelerated causing the victim to fall off and hit his head on the concrete.

Rodriguez and his three passengers fled from the scene.

Rodriguez and the passengers were located. It was also determined that Rodriguez was under the influence of alcohol.

The victim was taken to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center.

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The Idaho Falls Police Department arrested/cited 16 people on Monday.

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