

RECENT WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA ARRESTS

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West Palm Beach Police

THEFT

A 19-inch television was stolen from a display at a store in the 800 block of Southern Boulevard. Security video showed a man taking the TV and walking out .

A woman entered a store in the 500 block of South Rosemary Avenue carrying a purse that appeared to be empty. She selected several items from clothing racks and went into the dressing room. When she exited, the clothes were not left behind and her purse appeared to be full. Store personnel tried to detain the woman as she entered a vehicle outside the store. The woman dropped the bag and fled. Merchandise valued at \$281.95 was recovered. The woman was caught, arrested and taken to the county jail.

A shopper at a store in the 1500 block of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard took a backpack blower, priced at \$299, in a cart and wheeled it out without paying for it. He was stopped by the loss-prevention officer and brought back to the store. He was arrested and given a notice to appear in court.

A man placed an order at a restaurant in the 300 block of Clematis Street, then sat down and pretended to read a newspaper while waiting. The man got up, approached the counter and grabbed the tip jar. When he was stopped by the restaurant owner at the door, the man threw the tip jar into the trash. He was detained until police arrived. The jar contained \$40. The man was arrested and given a notice to appear in court.

COUNTERFEIT BILL

Someone passed a counterfeit \$100 bill at a business in the 100 block of South Clematis Street.

OUTSTANDING WARRANT

An officer on patrol saw a man walking in the middle of the road in the 700 block of 44th Street at 9:20 p.m. He stopped the pedestrian, ran a computer check on him and discovered he had an outstanding warrant for burglary. He arrested the man, and in searching him found a marijuana cigarette in his pants pocket. The man was taken to the county jail.

Sheriff's Office, Lake Worth

BATTERY

A deputy stopped a vehicle on South Dixie Highway and Fourth Avenue South at 8:16 p.m. The driver did not have a license. When a passenger disobeyed the deputy's commands, the deputy attempted to handcuff him. The disruptive passenger's mother then punched the deputy. She was arrested and charged with battery on a law-enforcement officer; her son was charged with resisting an officer without violence. The driver received several citations.

HOME BURGLARY

The owner of rental property in the 1000 block of 16th Avenue South left the windows open to let the apartment air out. When he returned the next day, he found several items had been stolen, including a paint

pan, stepladder, extension cords and a wrought-iron table set. Empty food bags were left in the area by the intruder.

A man returned to his apartment in the 1500 block of Railroad Avenue to find his AK-47 rifle missing. Nothing else was taken by the thief, who entered through an open window.

THEFT

A customer at a store in the 1000 block of North G Street grabbed a 16-ounce can of beer and went into the bathroom. He emerged sans beer and left the store. The clerk found the empty can in the trash.

Two statues of devil-like dogs with wings were taken from outside a home in the 1200 block of 17th Avenue North during the night. The missing black concrete statues weigh 60 pounds each and are 3 feet high

A man ran into a restaurant in the 1200 block of South Dixie Highway, grabbed the tip jar and ran out. It was estimated that \$6 was in the jar.

DRUGS

A report of a suspicious vehicle at the dead end of Pine Terrace brought a deputy to the scene, where he found a man and woman sitting in the front. The man did not have identification but provided his name and date of birth. A computer check revealed the man, who was sitting in the driver seat, had a suspended license. When the deputy asked the man to step out of the vehicle a small bag of white powder fell to the ground. A test revealed its contents to be cocaine. The woman in the vehicle told the deputy the cocaine and straw belonged to her companion, and she was aware he had both in his possession. Both were arrested.

Lantana Police

THEFT

A customer at a store in the 1200 block of South Dixie Highway went into the shoe department, kicked off her flip-flops and donned a pair of boots. She next went into women's lingerie and took two bras, putting one on and stuffing the other one in her purse. Her last stop was in the jewelry department, where she took two pair of earrings and put them in her purse. The woman, who had a small child with her, paid for other items she had picked up, then left. She was stopped outside the store and escorted inside. A police officer arrested the woman and gave her a notice to appear in court.

A man ran out of a store in the 1200 block of Hypoluxo Road carrying an 18-pack of beer, a bottle of vodka and a bottle of tequila.

An MP3 player valued at \$40 was stolen at a business in the 1500 block of West Lantana Road. A clerk saw the man remove the item from a display, then leave the store. She was unable to stop him.

VEHICLE BURGLARY

Sunglasses and the face plate of a radio were removed from a vehicle in the 100 block of Milton Street. The burglar damaged the convertible top of the vehicle by cutting into it.

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