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Fraud Arrest

On March 27, 2017, Sumter County Sheriff's detectives charged 41 year-old James Wade Cason of Leesburg with multiple counts of identity theft in reference to two separate investigations. Cason, a convicted felon with an extensive criminal history, had been booked into the Sumter County Detention Center on March 26, 2017 on unrelated charges, including Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (Habitual Offender) and Possession of Counterfeit Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell. At the time of his initial arrest, Cason was also found to have an active Lake County warrant for Domestic Battery and Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (Habitual Offender).

Evidence uncovered by the Sumter County Sheriff's Financial Crimes Unit revealed Cason had stolen an Oxford couple's personal information, which he used to fraudulently apply for credit cards in the victims' names. Surveillance video and subpoenaed financial records showed Cason used the fraudulent cards for numerous purchases in Sumter, Lake, and Marion County. Cason was also shown to have stolen a wallet from the Lake Miona Recreation Center in The Villages, and to have used the victim's credit cards for purchases in Sumter and Lake County.

Cason was charged with a total of 13 felony counts of Fraudulent Use of Personal Identification Information, and one misdemeanor count of 2nd Degree Petit Theft (2nd Offense). Cason is currently in custody in the Sumter County Detention Center, with total bond of \$42,000.



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