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Florida National Cemetery Employee Facing Theft Charges

Kevin A. Cullen, 33, of Bushnell is facing theft related charges after stealing from a deceased veteran. Cullen, an employee at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, who was tasked with interring the deceased, was arrested after the decedent's family members discovered credit card charges on his account occurring the same day he was interred.



The 93 year old World War II veteran served in the Atlantic as a Torpedoman in the United States Navy. He passed away on November 26, 2015, but his ashes were not interred at Florida National Cemetery until April 15, 2016. The veteran's family members were resolving his financial affairs and discovered credit card charges on one his accounts, which occurred the same day he was interred at the national cemetery. After the discovery, they reported the matter to the Sheriff's Office and administrators at the Florida National Cemetery.

This morning, Sumter Sheriff's Detectives and a Special Agent from the Veterans Administration Office of Inspector General made contact with Cullen before he reported for duty at the cemetery. During an interview at the Sheriff's Office, Cullen admitted to removing the deceased veteran's wallet from the urn. He discarded the contents of the wallet in the urn except for the wallet and a credit card; he kept the wallet for personal use and purchased pizza and video gaming cards with the credit card.



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Cullen was arrested and charged with the following:

2cts Fraudulent Use of Personal Identification Information of a Deceased Person

1ct Disturbing Contents of Grave or Tomb

1ct Theft of a Credit Card

1ct Petit Theft

He was delivered to the Sumter County Detention Center and is being held in lieu of \$11,000 dollars bond.

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