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## SCSO Facebook Post Leads to Arrest

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office utilized the power of Social Media to find the identity of a suspect in a vehicle burglary and credit card fraud case. The January 4<sup>th</sup> post led to the positive identification of the suspect within a couple of hours and a subsequent arrest that same evening. This is one of several successes the Sumter County Sheriff's Office has had since it began utilizing Social Media.

On January 4, 2017, the Sumter County Sheriff's Office arrested Joseph Anthony Rossi, DOB 11/15/96, of Webster, for committing two vehicle burglaries, stealing items from within the vehicles, and even using one of the victim's credit cards at numerous businesses within both Sumter and Citrus Counties.

Both victims reported that during the overnight hours of December 14, 2016, their vehicles, which had been left unlocked and parked at their residence within the city limits of Bushnell, had been burglarized. As a result, both of their purses were stolen and had contained Florida Driver's Licenses, US currency, various gift cards, and credit cards.

One of the victims soon after learned that her Suncoast Credit Union credit card had been fraudulently used at various gas stations within both Sumter and Citrus Counties during the early morning hours of December 15<sup>th</sup>. Video surveillance footage showed Mr. Rossi using the victim's credit card.

In an interview conducted by a detective with the Sumter County Sheriff's Office's Criminal Investigations Division, Mr. Rossi admitted to the detective that he used the credit card which he knew did not belong to him to purchase gasoline at several businesses.

Mr. Rossi was subsequently arrested and charged with two counts of F.S.S. 810.02(4)(b) Burglary of an Unoccupied Conveyance, one count of F.S.S. 812.014(2)(c)(1) Grand Theft >\$300<\$5000, five counts of F.S.S. 817.568(2)(a) Criminal Use of Personal Identification Information, and one count of F.S.S. 812.014(3)(a) Petit Theft. He was transported to the Sumter County Detention Center without incident. Prior to his arrest, Mr. Rossi had no prior criminal record.

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