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Two people accused of cloning credit cards to fraudulently book hotel rooms across Multnomah County

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that criminal charges have been filed against two individuals who are accused of cloning credit cards to rent multiple hotel rooms in Multnomah County using stolen identities.

On February 5, 2019, at approximately 1p.m., law enforcement arrested Anthony Wyatt Wingert, 23, and Shay Wright-Mack, 32, in the area of Northwest Frontage Road and Northwest Marine Drive in Troutdale, Oregon.

The indictment, which was filed February 13, 2019, charges both Wingert and Wright-Mack with four counts of burglary in the first degree, four counts of identity theft, four counts of aggravated identity theft, three counts of forgery in the first degree and one count of criminal possession of a forgery device. Wingert is separately accused of one additional count of identity theft and one additional count of aggravated identity theft. Wright-Mack is separately accused of one additional count of aggravated identity theft.

According to a probable cause affidavit, this investigation started in the fall of 2018 when Portland Police responded to a business in the 300 block of Southwest Pine Street. Law enforcement learned that a hotel room had been rented with a fraudulent credit card.

During the investigation, law enforcement learned three other businesses had previously reported rooms were rented with a fraudulent credit card and/or fraudulent identities, according to court documents.

The locations include a hotel in the 300 block of Southwest Lincoln Street in Portland, a hotel in the 800 block of East Burnside in Portland and a motel in the 1600 block of Northwest Frontage Road in Troutdale, according to the probable cause affidavit.

It is alleged in court documents that upon searching some of the rented rooms, law enforcement located documents containing personal identifying information, plastic sleeves, embossing powder, a stamp to place the name of "Shay Mack" on credit card stock, counterfeit checks, counterfeit Oregon driver's licenses with Wright-Mack's photo, a printer, a laptop, power tools, a label maker, and other items used to commit identity theft.

Additionally, law enforcement located two ledgers that contained more than 20 credit card numbers and more than 20 identification profiles of individuals other than Wingert and Wright-Mack, according to court documents.

On February 5, 2019, law enforcement recovered more than 20 credit cards that had been re-coded, according to court documents.

A copy of the indictment and probable cause affidavit can be obtained using case number 19CR08869 and 19CR08870 in the Oregon eCourt Information (OEI) system.

Both Wingert and Wright-Mack are scheduled to appear back in court on March 29, 2019

An indictment is only an accusation of a crime. Both defendants are innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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