



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Identity Theft Arrest

A month long identity theft investigation has resulted in the arrest of Arthur James 4th, age 34, of the first block of Battle Drive Newark, DE 19702. Arthur James 4th was charged with 1 count of Identity Theft where Victim is 62 years old or older, 1 count of Theft by False Pretense over \$1,500, 7 counts of Forgery 2nd, 1 count of Unlawful Use of a Credit Card Over \$1,500 where Victim is 62 years old or older, and 10 counts of Unlawful Use of a Credit Card where Victim is 62 years old or older.

In late September 2009, a family member of the victim came into Newark PD to report that credit cards had been opened in a family members name. The victim of the identity theft was hospitalized with dementia related issues at the time the cards were applied for and received.

The investigation revealed that Arthur James 4th used his grandfather's identity to fraudulently obtain two credit cards. Arthur James 4th then used the credit cards at stores throughout New Castle County and Maryland, racking up an \$8,262.28 bill. A search warrant was executed at Arthur James 4th residence on Battle Drive. During the search, all of the items purchased with the credit cards, including a flat screen TV and a computer, were recovered.

Arthur James 4th was released after arrest on \$22,000 unsecured bail.

PHOTOGRAPH ATTACHED TO RELEASE

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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