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PRESS RELEASE

UPD CASES #17-3315

OFFENSES:

470b PC-Felony-Possession of false ID to facilitate forgery

530.5(a) PC-Felony-ID theft

11364(a) HS-Misdemeanor-Possession of drug paraphernalia

148(a)(1) PC-Misdemeanor-Resist/Delay officer

11378 HS-Felony-Possession of a controlled substance for sale

484i(b) PC-Felony-Make fraudulent credit cards

484i(c) PC-Felony-Possession of credit card making equipment for counterfeiting

466 PC-Misdemeanor-Possession of burglary tools

496(a) PC-Misdemeanor-Possession of stolen property

SUSPECT:

Ress, Jason (white male 47 years old, Soquel, Ca.)

VICTIMS: **Friedman Brothers, Fairfield Inn, unknown other businesses**

On 11-27-17 at approx. 8:15 AM, UPD detectives were alerted to a credit card fraud in progress at Friedman Brothers, 1255 Airport Park Blvd. UPD detectives got in the cashier line behind the suspect, later identified as Jason Ress. Upon UPD detectives identifying themselves, Ress immediately attempted to flee on foot out of the store. Ress was quickly apprehended in the parking lot. Ress was arrested for resisting/delaying an officer, 148(a)(1) PC. Ress was found to be in possession of a meth pipe, a fraudulent California ID with a fictitious name (Greg Tate), along with approx. 15 fraudulent credit cards corresponding with the fictitious name.

Friedman Brothers employees advised that Ress had previously made numerous prior transactions at Friedman Brothers various locations (Sonoma, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, and Ukiah) for thousands of dollars worth of fraudulent transactions.

Ress was arrested for 470b PC, 530.5(a) PC, 11364(a) HS, and 148(a)(1) PC. Ress was transported to the jail, where he was lodged.

UPD detectives contacted Diana Ress (age 53) at the Fairfield Inn, where Ress had a room registered under his fictitious name. Ress had also used a fraudulent credit card to obtain the room. Diana was briefly questioned

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and released. UPD detectives secured the room while a search warrant for Ress' hotel room and vehicle were obtained.

It was discovered that Ress had recently been arrested in Scotts Valley, Ca. in August with his wife Diana Ress. At the time, the two were in possession of methamphetamine, 400 fraudulent credit cards, a machine to make fraudulent credit cards, stolen property, and a fake ID.

UPD detectives served the search warrant on the hotel room and Ress' vehicle. Detectives located another machine to make fraudulent credit cards, suspected methamphetamine, and a meth pipe in the motel room. Detectives also located approx. 1/4 pound of suspected methamphetamine, approx. 40 fraudulent credit cards, burglary tools, and suspected stolen property in Ress' vehicle.

On 11-29-17, UPD detectives served a search warrant on Ress' storage locker in Watsonville, Ca. More suspected methamphetamine and suspected stolen property was recovered. As of 11-30-17, Jason Ress remains in custody with a bail of \$95,000. Charges are forthcoming regarding Diana's involvement.

It is suspected that Ress has made fraudulent transactions throughout Northern California. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact the Ukiah Police Department.



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