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## Suspects identified via Facebook arrested

SEBRING — Two men who were identified by a Facebook post of a security camera photo have been charged with fraud, theft and illegal use of a credit card.

The victim reported on Feb. 17 that a couple had found her wallet — missing its cash and credit cards — on the ground near the railroad tracks on Main Street in Avon Park. The victim told deputies she did not know when her wallet had been taken. She contacted the credit card companies and found two cards had been used at the Game Stop, Kmart and Sears stores in the Lakeshore Mall to purchase a pair of drones, a PS4, a flat-screen TV and a box of diapers. The purchases were made inside a 50-minute span shortly after the wallet was stolen from the Jacaranda Hotel.

A Game Stop employee said a heavy-set black male wearing all black, later identified as 29-year-old Ishimon Lee Grooms of Sebring, used a credit card to purchase a Sony PlayStation PS4. The employee said a white, very skinny man then tried to purchase an Xbox One, but his card was declined. That man was later identified as 49-year-old Jeffrey Rudolph Zembower.

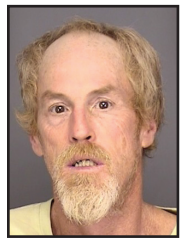
The identifications were made within minutes of a security camera photo of the pair taken during their shopping spree being posted to the Highlands County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.

Zembower was identified on security camera footage purchasing a flat-screen TV from Sears. Grooms also tried to purchase another flat-screen TV and some infant clothing from Sears, detectives reported, but when the card was declined, he grabbed the infant clothing and ran out of the store.

Both suspects claimed the other stole the wallet initially, but security camera footage from the Jacaranda Hotel, where the victim works, only showed Zembower in the area where the wallet was taken.

"I want to thank the public for their rapid response to the Facebook post that helped us identify these two suspects so quickly," Sgt. Jamie Davidson said. "I also want to commend lead Detective Adrian Gamez, as well as Detective DuWayne Kelly and Deputy Trey Marley, who took the initial report, for their good work on this case."

Zembower was charged with grand theft, petit theft, fraudulent use of a credit card, fraudulent use of a credit card two or more times in less than six months, theft of a credit card and identity theft. Moore was charged with grand theft, fraudulent use of a credit card, three counts of identity theft, theft of a credit card and fraudulent use of a credit card two or more times in less than six months.



The security camera photo above was posted to the HCSO Facebook page and within minutes led to the identification of Ishimon Lee Grooms (left) and Jeffrey Rudolph Zembower (right) as the suspects in the theft of a wallet from the Jacaranda Hotel in Avon Park and the illegal use of the credit cards it contained Feb. 17. The two are now in the Highlands County Jail.

*Note: Not all arrests lead to a conviction. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in court.*

