

NEWS RELEASE



City of Chino Hills Police Department



Date/Time Occurred: Thursday, March 13, 2015

Crime or Incident: PC 484(a) Manufacture / Alter Credit Cards; PC484e(c) Unlawfully Possess Access Card Information

Location: 3320 Chino Hills Parkway, CA

Victim(s): More than 30 victims

Suspect(s): Jamell Roy Howard, 25, Fontana

SUMMARY

After an extensive investigation Chino Hills deputies arrested a 25-year-old Fontana man for illegally manufacturing false credit cards that contained the credit card information of more than 30 victims throughout Southern California.

Jamell Roy Howard was arrested Thursday for charges of manufacturing credit cards and possessing access card information. Howard was originally contacted on February 20, 2015 after deputies responded to a report of a subject, later identified as Howard, who had made several thousand dollars of fraudulent purchases at the Walgreens at 3320 Chino Hills Parkway. Howard had approximately 60 Visa, American Express, Mastercard and Walmart prepaid gift cards in his possession. Deputies seized the cards for evidence and released Howard, pending the outcome of the investigation.

Deputies discovered the cards had been encoded with the account numbers of the victims. On their face, the cards appeared to be an average gift card, however, the magnetic strip on the back of the card contained the credit card numbers of various victims. Deputies contacted several banking institutions and eventually located more than 30 victims.

After completing the investigation deputies located and arrested Howard near his home in Fontana. He was arrested and booked at West Valley Detention Center for the above-mentioned charges.

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