

KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

December 29, 2007

Suspects Arrested in Athol City Hall Burglary

Kootenai County Sheriff's Department investigators served a search warrant at a home on Menser Avenue in Athol, Idaho on the evening of December 28, 2007 in regards to an ongoing Burglary investigation.

As reported earlier, on the evening of December 19th or the early morning hours of December 20th, Athol City Hall had been broken into and many items were stolen including Fred Meyer, Target and Albertson's gift cards. The Fred Meyer gift cards were purchased by Athol Food Bank in \$30 and \$70 gift amounts. The gift cards were intended to be given to families in need during the holiday season. Most families received one card per family; the gift amount dependant upon the size of the family.

Investigators received many tips concerning occupants of an Athol home having possession of several Fred Meyer gift cards, and having made very large purchases at Fred Meyer with the stolen gift cards.

Upon serving the search warrant, investigators located over 40 items which were known to have been purchased at a Spokane, Washington Fred Meyer store with the stolen gift cards. Approximately \$1,500 worth of the stolen gift cards had been used to make the purchases. Investigators also found many items of paraphernalia and a large quantity of methamphetamine in the home.

The occupants of the home, Angela Wolfinjer, and her son, Dale Rhea III, were arrested at the scene based on items found during the search. Rhea had previously been arrested on December 21, 2007 for being in possession of stolen Fred Meyer gift cards but denied any involvement in the Burglary. Rhea was out on \$24,000 bail at the time of the search.

Of interest, the mother and son shopping spree occurred as the Athol Food Bank was opening for business and discovered they had been burglarized.

Wolfinjer was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Burglary and Possession of Stolen Property. Rhea was charged with Burglary, Grand Theft, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Paraphernalia. They will both attend video-arraignment on Monday, December 31, 2007 at 2pm.

Investigation is continuing as there are still more stolen gift cards to locate. If anyone has any information regarding this case, please contact Kootenai County Sheriff's Department investigators at 208-446-1300.



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DOB: 05/18/1969 of Athol, ID



Dale Lee Rhea III
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