

Long-sought ID Thief Apprehended Following Chase

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Redmond and Bend Police arrested a fugitive sought for almost one year in connection with various identification and fraud crimes, but not before a short vehicle and foot pursuit Wednesday afternoon.

Fredrick Lawrence Wright, DCJ Photo Redmond Police detectives had been investigating Fredrick Lawrence Wright, 32, since late December of 2005, said detective Lt. Wayne Shortreed. Wright avoided law enforcement, and warrants for his arrest were issued by Deschutes County.

Redmond detectives developed information that Wright was at the Deer Glen Park Apartments 2500 NW Regency Street in Bend, Shortreed said, and attempted to capture him about 1 p.m. November 8.

Before they could make contact with him, Wright drove off and was followed to Century Drive near Mt. Bachelor Village where Bend Police attempted to stop him. Wright tried to flee in his vehicle, then stopped and ran from officers. He was apprehended following a short foot pursuit, said Shortreed.

Wright was lodged in the Deschutes County Jail with bail set at \$105,000. He will face numerous charges including attempting to elude, third-degree escape, six counts of aggravated theft, 8 counts of identification theft, two counts of first-degree theft, seven counts of fraudulent use of a credit card, and warrants for violation of release agreement.

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