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## **Tigard Police Arrest New York Man for Aggravated Theft I**

On 5/6/19, Tigard Police Commercial Crimes Unit (CCU) Detectives arrested Jose Modesto Adon-Cano, a 25-year old from New York, on an Aggravated Theft I charge involving the alleged purchase of over \$33,000 worth of merchandise for approximately \$1,100 using forged barcodes. He is currently lodged in the Washington County Jail.

The arrest stemmed from a 5/2/19 incident that prompted CCU detectives to get involved in the case. On 5/2/19 at 4:20pm, Home Depot Loss Prevention Officers at 14800 SW Sequoia Parkway called police dispatch after reportedly observing the suspect placing circuit breakers and outlets in his shopping cart and then affixing lower-priced, forged bar codes on the merchandise. The suspect allegedly proceeded to purchase the items valued at \$1,019 at the register for \$42 and then took them out to a rental vehicle. After depositing the merchandise in the car, the suspect returned to the same store and allegedly purchased similar items valued at \$780 and paid only \$33 using similar tactics. When he returned to his vehicle, a Tigard Police Officer was waiting with the Loss Prevention Officer in the area. Tigard Police arrested Adon-Cano on a theft I-other charge and lodged him in the Washington County Jail.

While the suspect was in jail, CCU Detectives obtained a search warrant to search the suspect's vehicle on 5/3/19 and seized over \$33,000 worth of merchandise with forged bar codes affixed to the items. CCU Detectives working with Home Depot Loss Prevention determined that the suspect had engaged in similar transactions between April 30-May 2nd along the I-5 Corridor at stores from Everett, WA to Tigard. Detectives contacted the suspect, who had bailed himself out of jail from the first charge, and arrested him for Aggravated Theft I on 5/6/19 and lodged him in Washington County Jail. The suspect is also being held for a federal probation violation related to unlawful skimming of a credit card that occurred in another state.

Detectives continue to investigate the case to determine the extent of losses related to this activity in Tigard and other jurisdictions.

Fortunately, a Loss Prevention Officer was able to observe this activity and police were able to quickly respond and arrest the suspect, resulting in a significant arrest charge. We do ask the community members who may witness similar activity or other suspicious behaviors in stores to contact the police and also alert store employees.



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*The Commercial Crimes Unit is uniquely situated to investigate commercial crimes in the Tigard area, allowing detectives to investigate organized retail and other crimes impacting the Tigard business community.*



*Merchandise recovered from the vehicle*