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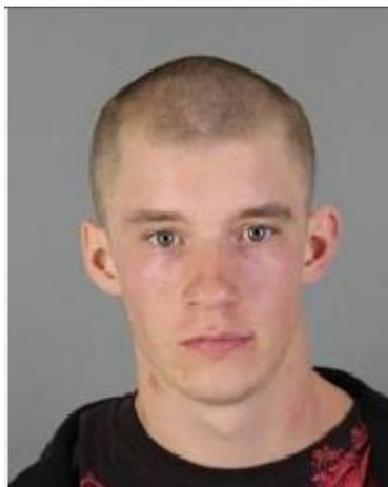
Suspect Steals from Grandmother then Flees from Police

Pacifica, CA- On Monday, December 17, 2018 at approximately 5:00 PM, Pacifica Police officers were dispatched to an address on Duran Court for a report of elder financial abuse. The reporting party told officers her live-in adult grandson, 23 year-old Dustin Cottrell, was using her credit cards without her consent. Officers were able to determine Cottrell had accumulated several thousands of dollars in fraudulent charges on his grandmother's credit cards. Through their investigation, officers developed probable cause to arrest Cottrell for Elder Abuse- 368(d) PC and Identity Theft- 530.5(a) PC.

When officers attempted to arrest Cottrell he physically resisted by punching and kicking the officers. Cottrell was able to flee out the front door of the residence. An officer then deployed his canine partner. Cottrell ran back into the house through the open garage door of the residence as the police canine pursued him. Cottrell closed the sliding garage door which struck the canine and pinned him between the garage door and frame. Cottrell was able then able to escape. The officers and police canine did not sustain any significant injuries.

An arrest warrant is being sought for Cottrell. Anyone with information about Cottrell's whereabouts is encouraged to contact the Pacifica Police Department by calling 650-738-7314. Information can also be provided anonymously by calling the Silent Witness Tip Line at 650-359-4444.

Refer: Pacifica Police Case #18-3733



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