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Nursing Intern Arrested for Stealing from Patient

On July 13, 2009, a 52yoa Tallahassee man reported his credit card had been stolen and that unauthorized charges had occurred. The victim reported he discovered the theft several days after being treated at the Capital Regional Medical Center Emergency Room and canceled his credit card. Later the victim discovered unauthorized transactions had been made on his credit card account. Two transactions were at local Wal-Marts for \$74.18 and one transaction was for \$100.00 which was charged to Keiser University, in the name of Damaría Belford.

An investigation by Leon County Sheriff's Office Financial Crimes Detectives revealed that Belford is a nursing intern at CRMC, and was working at CRMC on the date that the victim was being treated at the Emergency Room. It has been determined that while the victim was at CRMC, Belford gathered the victim's personal property, including his wallet, and placed them into a hospital bag. As Belford placed the victim's wallet in the bag, he stole a credit card which Belford later used for the aforementioned thefts.

Belford has been arrested and booked into the Leon County Jail, where he is charged with Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card, Criminal Use of Personal ID, Petit Theft

Arrested

Damaría Belford
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Charges

Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card
Criminal Use of Personal Identification
Petit Theft



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