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Pinecrest Police charge man who reportedly pick pocketed 94 year old veteran

Pinecrest, FL – Pinecrest Police charged Derrick Hope, 56, for reportedly pick pocketing a 94 year old man in a Publix at 13401 Pinecrest Parkway (US 1) on Tuesday, December 29.

Hope was a person of interest early on in the investigation and Pinecrest detectives were already in contact with his parole officer. The parole officer alerted Pinecrest Police that Hope was in jail for unrelated charges March 2. Hope gave a full confession to detectives and was charged March 3. Hope was in jail for a warrant for parole violation.

Hope stole the veteran's wallet with \$65 and credit cards. He purchased items totally more than \$6000 with the victim's credit card.

Hope is linked to similar pick pocket incidents in other municipalities. Hope's criminal history includes robbery, resisting officers with violence and battery on a law enforcement officer. He was charged with petit theft, grand theft, battery a person 65 or older, and fraud related charges.

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