

Financial Fraud Interrupted with Boone Arrest

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On June 24th the Avery County Sheriff's Office received information on the theft of a wallet containing the victim's identification card and financial transaction cards. Later investigators received information that 48 year old Lori Hughes of Mollies Branch Rd was attempting to rent a car in Boone using the victim's identification and financial transaction cards. Officers with the Boone Police Department responded to a business on Hwy 105 and located Ms. Hughes where she was attempting to use the victim's identification and financial transaction cards. Officers with the Boone Police Department charged Ms. Hughes with one felony count of attempting to Obtain Property by False Pretenses. Investigators with the Avery Sheriff's Office also charged Ms. Hughes with Obtaining Property by False Pretenses. Hughes received a \$4,000.00 bond at the Watauga County Jail based on the two charges. Investigators with the Avery County Sheriff's Office have numerous reports of the victim's financial transaction cards being used in Avery County. Several other felony charges are anticipated by Investigators with the Sheriff's Office.