

## Theft, Fraud Charges Filed by Blowing Rock PD

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Several arrests made last week by Blowing Rock Police, including one suspect charged for a series of thefts from Tanger Outlets. Captain Miller responded to Tanger Outlets to a report that a white female had taken some merchandise from Sketchers. A vehicle driven by Sherry Newell Billings, 42, of Sparta, was stopped leaving Tanger, merchandise stolen from six different stores at Tanger discovered in the vehicle, according to Police. Billings was charged with six counts of misdemeanor larceny.

More fraudulent check-passing that has hit area Food Lion stores continued last week with the store in Blowing Rock reporting a fraudulent check passed last Friday, leading to the arrest of a suspect by Lenoir Police. Police say a black male entered Food Lion and used a counterfeit check and a fake identification to obtain \$271.69 in merchandise and cash. Food Lion employees became suspicious of the check and contacted police, with officers Lance Dotson and Anthony Biard concluding that the check was indeed a counterfeit. The same suspect had attempted to pass checks at the Food Lion stores in Boone and Deep Gap, according to Blowing Rock PD, and other Food Lion stores in the area were alerted. Saturday, the suspect was arrest by Lenoir Police trying to pass checks at stores in Lenoir. The suspect was identified as Jeremy Dennis, 27, from Charlotte. Officer Dotson secured warrants for Dennis's arrest. Dennis was processed and held in the Caldwell County Jail.