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Tigard Police Arrest Los Angeles Man on Forgery Charges

On February 26, 2020 at 3:40pm, Tigard Police Commercial Crimes Unit (CCU) detectives arrested Edwin Fuller, a 41-year old Los Angeles man, on ten counts of Forgery I and four counts of theft.

The charges stemmed from the suspect allegedly using counterfeit $20 dollar bills to purchase over $5,000 of merchandise at retail stores in Tigard, Eugene, Salem, Hillsboro, and Medford from December 21, 2019 to February 21, 2020. Ten transactions were conducted at Macy’s and JCPenney stores, ranging from $360 to $640. In Tigard, the suspect allegedly tendered nearly $2,000 in counterfeit bills during four transactions between December 2019 and last month.

Thanks to the investigative work and information provided by JCPenney, as well as a tip shared by Macy’s on the Oregon Retail Crime Association network, Tigard CCU detectives were able to act quickly to apprehend the suspect. Tigard Police received information that Fuller was being released from a Clark County jail and trailed the suspect to the Portland International Airport, where he was taken into custody with the assistance of the Port of Portland Police.

The suspect is believed to be involved in similar incidents in other states. Tigard CCU detectives are sharing information with other law enforcement agencies and loss prevention specialists across the country that may have similar outstanding cases.