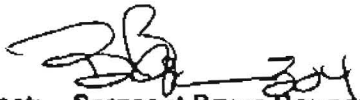


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Redding Police Investigators received a request from the California State Parole Office to investigate the possible theft of a large amount of currency by a parolee residing in Redding.

Investigation revealed Fred Royal, 63 years, was released from prison on March 24, 2009 and lodged in a local motel. He had just received a government disability check in the amount of \$26,000.00 when in fact the check should have been for less than \$1000.00 dollars. Mr. Royal made statements to others indicating he was aware the check was issued in error. He proceeded to deposit the erroneous check into a newly opened bank account and promptly purchased a vehicle and numerous other items.

Investigators received confirmation the check was issued in error and initiated a search for Mr. Royal. He was located by investigators and a Parole Agent leaving Walmart in Redding. He was detained for a parole violation. Mr. Royal admitted to investigators having personal knowledge the amount of the check far exceeded his normal amount. His vehicle, other purchased items and remaining assets are being seized at this time pending resolution of this case. Mr. Royal was booked into the Shasta County Jail for possession of stolen property and a parole hold.



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