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Two Delray residents facing multiple theft charges

Pair allegedly cashed in on \$38,000 illegally

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Delray Beach -- Two city residents won big at a local arcade during the past three months. That is, until they got caught, police said.

Betty Britt, 50, and Jerome McDade, 44, had been coming to Spinners Arcade in the 4900 block of Linton Boulevard since 2004, and started cashing in receipts for big winnings around the beginning of December, according to a police report. They cashed in more than \$38,000 worth of winnings before McDade was arrested last Tuesday, police said.

"They both went unnoticed until recently, as they got greedy, cashing in large winnings," [Delray Beach](#) Police Officer Bob Harris wrote in his report.

Police initially believed that the two had collected close to \$9,000 after discovering how to manipulate their player keys in the arcade games. But a final tally showed that McDade cashed in a total of 79 receipts amounting to \$16,708 in fraudulent winnings and Britt had cashed in 85 receipts totaling \$21,529 in fraudulent winnings, the report said.

The arcade's management alerted police last Tuesday, then called police later in the day

to say McDade was back in the arcade and attempting to cash additional winnings. Police arrested McDade and charged him with 15 counts of grand theft, eight counts of petit theft and one count of organized scheme to defraud, the report said.

McDade described to investigators how he manipulated the player keys and said that Britt was his wife who had traveled to New Jersey, police said. He was being held in the Palm Beach County Jail.

Britt, whose whereabouts have not been revealed, was charged with 31 counts of grand theft for the 31 times she is accused of fraudulently and intentionally cashing in winnings of more than \$300 since Dec. 1. She, too, is charged with organized scheme to defraud, police said.

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