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Theft/Fraud Against Mentally Disabled Person

On April 4, 2017, Sumter County Sheriff's detectives arrested 42 year-old Holly Lynn Pereira of Nobleton on felony theft charges. Pereira is accused of manipulating a mentally-disabled adult into using a check from her disability account to purchase \$1,000 in merchandise for Pereira, and with using the routing and account numbers from the victim's check to fraudulently obtain satellite TV service for her own home. Pereira is also charged with obtaining cellular service and phones by manipulating the mentally-disabled adult into adding Pereira to a Verizon account owned by the victim's 66 year-old mother.

The mentally-disabled adult's mother was alerted to the crimes by calls from her cell phone provider and her daughter's bank. After the victim's mother notified law enforcement, investigation by the Sumter County Sheriff's Financial Crimes Unit revealed evidence leading to Pereira's arrest. In an interview conducted before she was taken into custody, Pereira made multiple admissions implicating her in the frauds. Pereira was booked into the Sumter County Detention Center on charges of Grand Theft \$300 - \$5,000, and Grand Theft from Persons 65 or Older \$300 - \$10,000. Bond was set at \$4,000.



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