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STOLEN PARROT BACK ON ITS PERCH AT PETLAND

On January 22nd, a white male entered Petland at Sun Plaza on Mary Esther Cut-off. While in the store, he obtained a pet carrier, then placed one of two Yellow Nape Amazon parrots into the carrier and left without paying. The following day, the owner of Petland learned an individual by the name of "Mike" had been attempting to sell a Yellow Nape Amazon Parrot in the Pensacola area about an hour after the theft in Okaloosa County.

"Mike" was offering the bird for less than 20 percent of its value. When this information was provided to OCSO Investigator Jason Folley, he contacted the Escambia County Sheriff's Office for assistance. Investigators from the Escambia County Sheriff's Office made contact with the owner of Petland to assist with the investigation and recovery of the parrot.

Mike, later identified as 43-year old Michael Alan Lemonds of Sedgefield Drive in Pensacola, arrived to sell the parrot back to the owner of Petland, the parrot still in the carrier. The parrot was purchased with marked money, the owner positively identified the parrot and the suspect, and other Escambia County Sheriff's Office deputies stopped the vehicle Mr. Lemonds left in after selling the bird. At the time of the stop, Mr. Lemonds was in possession of the marked money. He was charged with dealing in stolen property and will be charged with Grand Theft by this agency. The driver of the stopped vehicle, 37-year old M. Rodney Goldsmith of Mobile Highway Pensacola, was also charged with Dealing in Stolen Property as well as Possession of Cocaine.

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