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WINTER HAVEN - A 28 year-old Winter Haven woman has been charged with filing a false police report after she reported her wallet stolen while she was a patient at Winter Haven Hospital.

Megan Blair Johnson (DOB 9-16-85, 610 Lake Dexter Circle, Winter Haven) contacted police on 6-19-14 stating that she last saw her wallet in her hospital room at approximately 5 p.m. According to Johnson, the wallet was inside of a purse which was in the bathroom. She stated that sometime while she was asleep the wallet was taken. She reportedly discovered the missing wallet when she woke up at approximately 9:30 p.m. Johnson told police that a bank card had already been used at two different Publix locations as well as a Wal Mart and even gave police the times the card was used based on her online banking report.

Police were able to obtain video of a male and female using the cards at the different stores and immediately sent information out via social media to help identify the pair. Within a few hours, the female seen in the photos, Kilie Diederichs, learned that her photo was on Facebook as a potential suspect in using the cards. Kilie immediately contacted Winter Haven Police to explain that she had permission to use the cards by Johnson. The story began to unravel and when officers contacted Johnson, she admitted to making the story up. She had been released from the hospital when police made contact with her the following day (6-20-14).

The full story is reported like this: Johnson and Kilie work together at the same restaurant. Aware that her friend was in the hospital, Kilie agreed to help run an errand for Johnson since she couldn't leave the hospital. Johnson asked her friend to take her debit card, even giving her the pin number, to withdraw money to take to her sister in Lakeland. The sister would in turn be sending back an envelope to be delivered to Johnson at the hospital. For her willingness to help, Johnson told Kilie to purchase a few groceries for her family.

Johnson's boyfriend asked her for the debit card, but she didn't want to tell him that she gave the card to Kilie in order to run the errands. She decided to make up a story that her wallet was stolen. Johnson said that she didn't think the police would look so far into the case.

Due to her physical condition after just being released from the hospital, officers did not physically transport Johnson to jail. However, she faces charges for Filing A False Police Report. In January 2013, she was arrested by Lakeland Police for Possession of a Controlled Substance Without a Prescription, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

"Our officers are committed to finding those who commit crimes and treat each case as if it were their own family who was the victim," said Chief Gary Hester. "Filing a false report wastes a lot of man hours and those who choose to do that will face charges."

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