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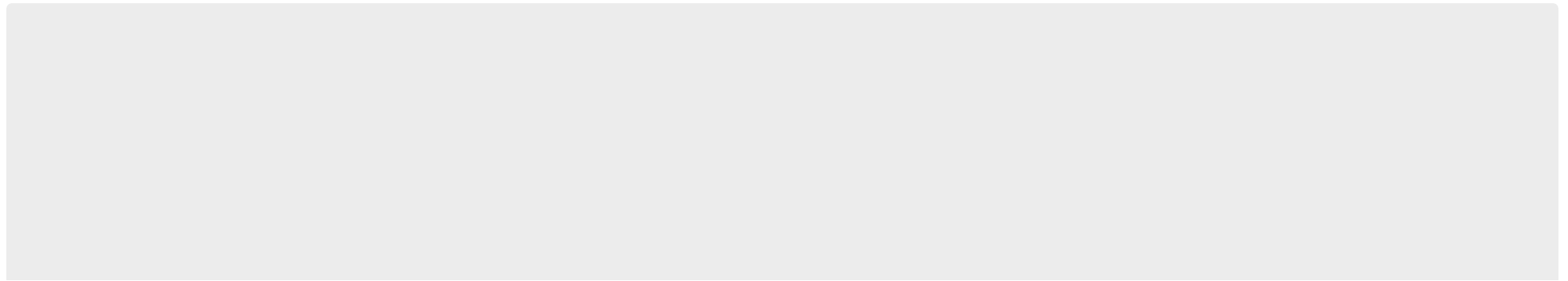
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Woman charged in Wal-Mart theft

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A North Little Rock woman was arrested Saturday afternoon when police say she stole more than \$1,000 worth of Wal-Mart merchandise.



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Ashley Fonda, 28, was arrested and charged with one count of theft of property Saturday, according to a North Little Rock police report.

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A witness told police that Fonda selected and concealed merchandise totaling \$1,018.04 from the Wal-Mart at 4450 E. McCain Blvd. in North Little Rock. Officers arrested her when they saw her put on the clothes.

Fonda was not listed Sunday on the Pulaski County sheriff's office inmate roster.

Stolen-card report leads to an arrest

A report that a credit card had been stolen at a Walgreens on Saturday afternoon resulted in the arrest of a Little Rock woman, according to a Maumelle police report.

Chanelle J. Smith, 28, told officers that she attempted to buy a \$400 gift card, but her credit card was declined, so she left the Walgreens at 115 Commons Drive in Maumelle.

Smith had attempted to use a green Regions Bank debit card with her name on it, according to the report. The card had a red sticker on it that police said is atypical of a new card.

Officers found other debit and credit cards in the black Toyota bearing a Florida license plate that Smith was driving. They searched the vehicle and found several gift cards, two hotel keys and a credit card with the name Tiffany Summers.

Smith told officers that Summers is her relative but she didn't know how to contact her. She said she also didn't have paperwork for the rented vehicle.

A Texas identification card for Smith, receipts for recent purchases of gift cards in high dollar amounts and a magnetic card reader-writer, typically used to alter debit and credit cards, were also found in the vehicle, police said.

When asked about the machine, Smith told an officer, "It's not illegal to have."

Smith was arrested and charged with one count of possession of a forgery device. She was released Saturday evening on \$15,000 bail.

Police contacted the vehicle rental company, who told them that it wasn't supposed to be outside of Florida. The company requested that the car, valued at \$20,000, be impounded.

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