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Valhalla Burglary Suspect Arrested

PULLMAN – A suspect was arrested today on suspicion of burglarizing Valhalla Bar and Grill over two weeks ago.

On July 30, 2017, Pullman Police were called to Valhalla Bar and Grill, 1000 NE Colorado Street, to investigate a burglary. Investigation revealed that the suspect broke the glass door of the business, entering and exiting the business several times. The suspect stole money and a cash box. Employees at Mr. Z's Casino in Pullman later reported a male subject gambling with money bundled in a unique way, identical to the money stolen from Valhalla. Pullman Police detectives obtained and served a search warrant at the subject's residence in the 600 block of NE Campus Street, Pullman, for evidence of the burglary. Evidence, including the stolen cash box, was recovered during the search warrant service.

On August 17, 2017 at about 10:45 a.m., Pullman Detectives arrested Stuart H. Schmidtke, age 22, for Burglary in the 2nd degree (Class B Felony), Theft in the 2nd degree (Class C Felony), and Malicious Mischief in the 3rd degree (Gross Misdemeanor). Schmidtke is a former Valhalla Bar and Grill employee. He was fingerprinted, photographed, and released from the Police Department. The case will be forwarded to the Whitman County Prosecutor's Office requesting criminal charges. A Class B Felony is punishable up to 10 years in prison and \$20,000.

Investigators credit Mr. Z's Casino employees for coming forward with information leading to the identification and arrest of the suspect in this case.

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