

Man accused of stealing rifle, equipment from marshal's car

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Port man allegedly took gun, Taser, silencer from federal officer's vehicle in Saukville

A 23-year-old Port Washington man was charged Monday with stealing a high-powered rifle fitted with a silencer, Taser, bulletproof vest and police radio from a U.S marshal's car parked in a Saukville driveway.



Clifford C. Fiene faces two counts of theft, as well as possession of a firearm silencer, possession of an electric weapon and concealing a stolen firearm. All the charges, which were filed in Ozaukee County Circuit Court, are felonies.

A 22-year-old Saukville woman described as a friend of Fiene's has also been implicated in the thefts. Ann E. Radke is charged with one count of being party to the crime of theft.

In addition, Fiene is charged in a separate complaint filed Monday with three counts of felony forgery after he allegedly cashed and tried to cash checks from his father at area banks.

The two cases aren't related, but it was the forgery case that led to Fiene's arrest in the theft case.

According to the criminal complaint, on June 21, U.S. marshal Zachary Kadish reported to Saukville police that several items had been stolen from his car while it was parked in a residential driveway. Among the stolen items were a .308-caliber rifle fitted with a silencer, X26 Taser, backpack, bullet-proof vest and police radio.

The theft occurred either early that morning or late the night before, Kadish said.

On the same day the theft was reported, Port Washington police, who were investigating the forgeries and had learned Fiene was living temporarily in Saukville, asked Saukville officers to arrest him.

Officers found Fiene at Radke's home and arrested him for forgery.

The next day, Radke's mother called police to report that she found Fiene's cell phone in the basement of her home and discovered messages on it referring to the sale of a gun. In those messages, a woman asked Fiene what caliber the gun was and what he wanted to sell it for. Fiene replied that he wanted "two racks or at least a rack-and-a-half," which authorities believe

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is a reference to drugs, according to the complaints.

When confronted by police, Radke said she, another woman and Fiene drove to the home where the marshal's car was parked, and while the women waited in the vehicle, Fiene took the gun, vest and backpack, the complaint states.

Radke said Fiene took the stolen items to her house, but later removed them because she was nervous about keeping the stolen items at her mother's home, according to the complaint.

Police found the gun, which was in a case, vest and backpack containing several items in a wooded area in the Town of Grafton.

The other woman in the car told police she had been with Fiene and Radke when items, including cash, an Apple iPad and digital camera, were stolen from cars on multiple occasions, according to the complaint.

The crimes related to the theft that Fiene is charged with carry a total maximum sentence of 13 years, six months in prison and 14 years of extended supervision.

He would face an additional nine years in prison and nine years of extended supervision if convicted of the three forgery charges.

The felony theft charge Radke faces carries a maximum sentence of three years in prison and three years of extended supervision.

During a hearing Monday, Ozaukee County Circuit Judge Tom Wolfgram set Fiene's bail at \$10,000 and ordered him not to have contact with Radke.