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Suspect Arrested in \$17,400 Precious Metals Package Theft Investigation

(Fort Bend County, Texas) – Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Burglary & Theft detectives arrested a suspect following an investigation into the theft of approximately \$17,400 in gold and silver coins from a FedEx package intended for delivery to a Fort Bend County resident.

In early July 2026, detectives received a report that a package sent with a request for signature confirmation upon receipt had been intercepted. The package contained valuable gold and silver coins that a family member had expected to receive. Through extensive follow-up, investigators identified Artur Kryvytskyi, 28, as the suspect believed to have fraudulently obtained the package using fictitious identification. Investigators also learned Kryvytskyi was linked to theft investigations in Montgomery County, the City of Sugar Land, and the City of Houston.

The investigation has since expanded throughout the United States to include numerous jurisdictions investigating similar thefts. Due to the active and ongoing nature of these investigations, information with respect to how the packages are identified and intercepted is not available.

On September 2, 2026, FBCSO detectives, with assistance of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, executed a search warrant at Kryvytskyi's residence in The Woodlands and took Kryvytskyi into custody on felony warrants. During the search, detectives recovered stolen property believed to be associated with theft investigations in Montgomery and Harris counties.

Kryvytskyi was transported and booked into the Fort Bend County Jail on the following charges:

- Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information (Felony) – **Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office**
- Theft of Property (Felony) – **Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office**
- False Statement to Obtain Property or Credit (Felony) – **Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office**
- Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information (Felony) – **Houston Police Department**

“This case demonstrates how sophisticated theft schemes can extend well beyond a single community,” said Sheriff Eric Fagan. “Our investigators followed the evidence, worked closely with our law enforcement partners, and were able to identify and arrest a suspect. We will continue working across jurisdictional lines to hold those who target our residents accountable.”

Investigators believe there may be additional victims, and the investigation remains active and ongoing.

Residents expecting high-value deliveries are encouraged to consider pickup at a staffed carrier location when available and closely monitor shipment information. Any discrepancies or suspicious activity involving a delivery should be immediately reported to the carrier and appropriate law enforcement agency.



Artur Kryvytskyi, 28

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The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office was founded in 1837 and is the largest and most diverse law enforcement agency in Fort Bend County. The Sheriff's Office has over 800 employees, including 538 sworn peace officers and 20 reserve volunteer deputies dedicated to protecting and serving over 960,000 Fort Bend County residents. Among the 10 fastest-growing counties in the nation, Fort Bend covers 885 square miles and includes 21 unincorporated communities.

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