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**Released By: Wendy Rose**

**NR #:09-172**

## **Grand Theft Arrest**



The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office has arrested 53 year old Wanda C. Alfano for Grand Theft from a person over 65 years old. Alfano is the president of Wandalan Inc., a recreational vehicle dealership located at 760 N. Tamiami Trail in Nokomis.

This is Alfano's third arrest in the past 10 months for alleged fraudulent practices at the dealership. The latest arrest on August 26, 2009, is related to the theft of a \$25,000 deposit given to Alfano in August of 2008. The 81 year old victim ordered a custom manufactured home from Alfano who was supposed to contract with a third party builder. Detectives say Alfano never forwarded the deposit or placed the order.

On July 9, 2009, Alfano was arrested for Grand Theft of \$40,166.94, for the purchase of a modular home. Detectives say Alfano never paid the third party provider for the home which led to repossession. Prosecution is pending.

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Alfano was also arrested on October 13, 2008, for Grand Theft and Title Fraud. In this case the victim alleges that Alfano sold his travel trailer on consignment in December of 2006 without telling him and provided a forged title to the new buyer. In March 2008 Alfano contacted the victim and asked him if he had picked up the trailer because it was missing. The trailer related to this case remains with the new buyer pending the case outcome, which goes to trial in September.

Citizens who think they might also be a victim should contact Criminal Investigations at 941-861-1719.

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