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On Friday July 27, 2007, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office arrested Mark Hamel 36 years of age from Laconia, New Hampshire after he failed to pay Sebago Lodge in Standish for several nights of lodging. Hamel checked into Sebago Lake Lodge on July 14, 2007 and made a down payment of \$200. Hamel continued to stay at the lodge with a female companion until Friday when it was clear that Hamel did not have the \$2,200 to pay what he owed the lodge.

During the investigation, Deputy Larry Cote was able to verify that Hamel had been convicted of a similar crime in New Hampshire and was on probation for that charge. Deputy Cote called Hamel's probation officer who authorized a probation hold on Hamel, until he could be extradited back to New Hampshire for violating his probation.

Prior to staying at Sebago Lake Lodge, Hamel had been working at Camp Sebago in Standish until July 14, 2007 as a Registered Nurse. Further investigation revealed that Hamel was portraying himself as a certified RN, when in fact the documents that he produced were forged documents. A search warrant was conducted at Camp Sebago on Saturday evening in order to obtain medical records implicating Hamel's involvement in diagnosing illnesses and administering medication without being trained and authorized to do so.

The Maine Attorney General's Office is reviewing the medical records to determine what violations were committed by Hamel while he was employed as a RN.

Hamel is currently being held at the Cumberland County jail on charges of Theft of Services (Class C) and a probation hold from New Hampshire.

For further information, please contact Chief Deputy Kevin Joyce at 774-1444, extension 2119.