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Parolee Saves Ticket Price, Pays With Incarceration

- Sheriff’s deputies arrest rider at Hollywood/Highland subway station

By NED RACINE
(Sept. 28, 2007) An arrest at the Hollywood/Highland station, Sept. 20, illustrates the danger of being penny wise and pound foolish.

During routine fare enforcement at the subway station, Sheriff’s deputies Keith Schumaker and Ron Smith stopped Ruben Deshon Power as he exited a train. According to the deputies, Power could not produce a ticket nor identification.

During questioning, Power claimed he was a parolee from the Pelican Bay State Prison near [Crescent City](#), according to Smith and Schumaker.

When the deputies asked the Los Angeles resident if he had anything in his possession they should know about, he reported that he had a toy gun in his nylon briefcase. In addition to the toy gun, the deputies reported they discovered a wig.

They also discovered a gray baseball cap, a digital camera, red and black flashlight, a silver business card holder and a Blackberry cell phone. Despite his claims that he owned the electronic devices, Power could not name any contacts on the cell phone or photographs on the digital camera, according to the deputies.

The deputies later traced most of the items in Power’s possession to a Tarzana car burglary the night before.

Power remains in custody.