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Massachusetts man arrested for bogus auction scam

A 32 year old Massachusetts man is charged with third degree criminal possession of stolen property for a scam to sell Boston Red Sox equipment bags, warm-up jackets, jerseys and other gear on a local baseball memorabilia website, Suffolk District Attorney Thomas Spota announced today.

SCDA Squad detectives arrested Jamie Pritchard Holland, 32, of Nahant Massachusetts on May 4.

The defendant is free on his own recognizance and will return to district court on June 7.

Posing as a father with a sick child, Holland convinced the auction house that to pay medical bills, he had to sell his collection of Red Sox uniforms, caps, helmets, jackets, cleats (belonging to 2nd baseman Dustin Pedroia), a first baseman's glove (belonging to Kevin Youkilis) and a 380 ft outfield marker cut from the right field bullpen door (the marker later autographed by Johnny Pesky after the Red Sox great's family was duped by the tale of Holland's "sick child"). Holland also had in his possession a home plate stolen from the Fenway Park bullpen.

"Holland's fraud was exposed five months ago when Major League baseball investigators saw the stolen goods for sale on the Leland's website and called our office," DA Spota said.

DA squad detectives conducted an undercover operation and registered with the auction site as interested bidders which in turn allowed the undercover detectives to view and inspect the stolen merchandise at the auction site's storage facility in Bohemia. Armed with a search warrant, detectives confirmed the goods were genuine, the stolen items were seized and Holland was arrested.

District Attorney Spota said the investigation is ongoing and that Holland has been cooperative thus far.



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