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### **Fugitive Thomas S. Burnham apprehended**

Adult Probation and Parole is in the process of returning fugitive Thomas Samuel Burnham to the Utah State Prison following Burnham's arrest by American Fork Police early Monday.

American Fork Police arrested Burnham on six new charges and an outstanding AP&P warrant.

Burnham's new charges are: possession of a stolen vehicle; drug possession; possession of drug paraphernalia; theft; possession of burglary tools; and failure to stop at the command of a police officer.

According to a probable cause statement, an American Fork police officer spotted a vehicle with its lights on and motor running near two utility trailers in an LDS Church parking lot shortly after 4 a.m. Monday. As the officer investigated, Burnham emerged from behind one trailer and attempted to get into his vehicle and flee but gave up, the statement says.

Burnham admitted to taking camping equipment from the utility trailers, according to the probable cause statement.

Burnham was paroled from the Utah State Prison on Sept. 8, 2015. He absconded from the Fortitude Treatment Center on Jan. 28 after checking out to get medical treatment. Adult Probation and Parole received an arrest warrant for Burnham on Jan. 29.

AP&P has been actively pursuing Burnham since he absconded.

Burnham was pulled over in a traffic stop by Unified Police last Tuesday in Midvale, but drove off after ramming the police vehicle.

Burnham has a criminal history that includes theft by receiving stolen property, possession/manufacturing of burglary tools, failure to stop at the command of police, drug possession and retail theft.

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