Georgia fugitive faces more local charges

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An Atlanta, GA, fugitive arrested in Caddo Parish on Tuesday is now facing more local charges, said Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator.

Alfredo L. Capote, a rape, robbery, and kidnapping suspect from Gwinnett County, GA, was taken into custody by Caddo-Shreveport Financial Crimes detectives after he was located in Oil City on April 18. He had been on the run since 2016.

Caddo deputies originally booked Capote into the Caddo Correctional Center for being an out-of-state fugitive and in-state fugitive. He was also booked on two counts of access device fraud and two counts of forgery in connection with a local financial crimes investigation.

On Wednesday, Caddo Sheriff's detectives added 25 counts of monetary instrument abuse to Capote's local charges. No bond was set on the charges.

Caddo Sheriff's Sgt. Bobby Herring said Capote is being investigated for running a counterfeit check cashing operation in Caddo Parish. He is accused of counterfeiting payroll checks in the name of local companies and having family members recruit others to cash the checks. Those people would then give all or part of the money back to Capote. Over the past two months, it's believed the operation has netted over $20,000.

Herring said detectives conducted a search of the apartment where Capote had been living in Oil City and recovered items used to make the counterfeit checks, including a laptop, printer, software, and check stock. They also recovered counterfeit checks that had been printed but not yet cashed.

The counterfeit investigation is still ongoing, and detectives expect more arrests and more charges associated with the case.

In the meantime, Atlanta, GA, detectives are in Caddo Parish today to follow up on their case. Capote was wanted on a warrant from the Gwinnett County, GA, Police Department for the April 2016 rape, armed robbery, false imprisonment, kidnapping, and aggravated sexual battery of his girlfriend. He is accused of raping the woman at her Duluth home with her son present and then taking her to a Cobb County hotel and raping her again during "a brutal and prolonged assault," according to Georgia media accounts. The next day, she escaped from Capote's car and sought help from a stranger.

Three months later, the same woman was shot and killed while sitting in her Mercedes SUV at a Cheshire Bridge Road strip mall where she had visited a beauty salon. Described as an aspiring actress and model, the victim was killed one day before her 36th birthday. Georgia law enforcement says Capote is a "person of interest" in her homicide.