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Roswell promoter passed hot checks worth \$92,000

By JOHN WISE  
 Avalanche-Journal

In Roswell, N.M., the visitors - earthly and otherwise - have=20 left. But authorities would like one visitor to come back.

Roswell police are investigating more than \$92,000 in hot checks=20 connected to an entertainment promoter in town for the 50th=20 anniversary UFO Alien Encounter festival July 1 through July 6.

Detective Daren Treadwell of the Roswell Police Department said=20 Anaheim, Calif., promoter Jeffrey Immediato used a fraudulent=20 check to start an account with the Bank of America in Roswell.

Treadwell said the promoter used the account to write about 30=20 checks and several bogus cashier's checks to various businesses=20 in Roswell, including two motels. Now Immediato is nowhere to be=20 found.

Kathryn Hellberg, assistant manager of the Best Western Sally=20 Port Inn and Suites on Main Street, said Immediato reserved and=20 used 13 rooms for entertainers and others connected to the=20 promotion.

But when it came time to pay up on Monday, Hellberg said, the=20 promoter's check didn't clear.

"Being over a certain amount, we called the bank and they told=20 us the account was on hold," Hellberg said. "Then we found out=20 about the Roswell Inn and several other businesses."

Bank of America spokeswoman Betty Reiss said she could not=20 comment because the matter is still under investigation.

Roswell Inn manager Joe Babbitts acknowledged that the business=20 was victimized by at least one hot check, but he declined to=20 comment any further.

Hellberg did not disclose the amount for the bounced check, but=20 she said it was more than \$5,000.

She said Immediato handed out business cards for his company,=20 Newport Entertainment Inc. But when she tried to call the phone=20 numbers printed on them, she found they were for businesses=20 elsewhere, she said.

The numbers are now disconnected, Treadwell said, and Immediato=20 left no trace of himself.

"The way I understand it, the merchants are just going to have to=20 eat it," he said. "I mean the bank is out that money, too."

Treadwell said his report will be sent to the district attorney's=20 office this week.

"It just depends if I can get enough of a case to issue a warrant,"=20 he said. "We really don't have a lot. It'll just take a little time."

Stan Crosby, one of the organizers for the city's UFO extravaganza,=20 said he was approached by Immediato last year, but no contracts were=20 signed because Crosby didn't feel comfortable with the promoter.

"We tried to warn people about these promoters - that they've got=20 their own reality. They'll tell you anything. That's been my=20 experience," Crosby said.

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Roswell benefits from 'alien' anniversary

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Thanks to aliens, two Roswell teens will=20 have their college education paid for next year, David Kinsel and=20 Jennifer Lopez can afford their wedding and flower pots will soon line Main Street.

Residents of Roswell spent last week playing host to about 40,000=20 visitors marking the 50th anniversary of a purported UFO crash=20 north of town.

This week the community is counting its profits.

"All those people came to town and bought all the UFO paraphernalia,=20 but they also bought gasoline, motel rooms and food," said Roswell=20 Mayor Tom Jennings. "It was a real boost for our community."

He said city coffers will benefit, although specific figures will=20 not be available for several weeks because occupancy tax and gross=20 receipts are still being calculated.

"In addition to the money, I think it was a real boost for the=20 camaraderie in our community," Jennings said. ``We had our best dress=20 on."

According to a now-famous story, the government recovered a crashed=20 spaceship and alien bodies from a ranch near Roswell in July 1947.=20 The Air Force has long contended the wreckage was actually a=20 high-altitude balloon. And last month a new Air Force report said=20 people may have mistaken parachute test-dummies as alien bodies.

This year, the town cashed in on international interest in=20 extraterrestrial phenomena, hosting an alien party that included=20 lectures, running races, theater, concerts and museum shows.

The Roswell JayCees, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, ran a UFO trade=20 exposition, renting \$150 booths and charging \$1 admittance.

Wes Miller said the group netted \$20,000, which will fund college=20 scholarships for two Roswell teens.

Miller said some of the profits also have been donated to United Way=20 of Chaves County to be spent on a home for mentally ill people called=20 People Care.

He said smaller civic projects - Santas for seniors and JayCees=20 against youth smoking - also will be funded.

David Kinsel, a waiter at Denny's restaurant in Roswell, said his tips=20 doubled during the six-day celebration, bringing him enough money to=20 pay for his wedding.

"Basically, aliens are paying for me to get married," he said. "Those=20 tips are covering the rest of the wedding dress, my tuxedo, church=20 rental, invitations - just about all of it."

Vonnie Goss, who directed the play 'Ezekiel's Wheels' for the Roswell=20 Community Little Theatre, said all the receipts have not been totaled=20 yet, but she's hoping their seven all-volunteer performances will=20 bolster their accounts by about \$1,000.

"On top of the money, we got lots and lots of coverage," she said.=20 "It was fun to have that kind of national and international attention.

The money will go into a fund for the 38-year-old group to build a new=20 theater, she said.

Dusty Huckabee at the Main Street Roswell Project said his economic=20 development organization sold several thousand \$2 bumper stickers that=20 say: "Crash In Roswell Tonight."

He said they made about \$3,000 after paying for printing, and hope to=20 make \$2,000 more by the end of this summer.

The organization will use the money to install 400-pound flower pots=20 on Main Street, Huckabee said.

"It just helps continue our beautification efforts downtown," he said.

Huckabee said he is particularly pleased about positive surveys=20 turned in by visitors. He said that of the 215 surveys he has read,=20 200 are very positive.

"I'm proud to be a Roswellite today." he said.

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