Felon back behind bars in South Lake Tahoe

A Bay Area man was arrested Friday by South Lake Tahoe police officers on robbery and 10 other charges.

When apprehended, Adam Sanford, 32, of Hayward had a loaded 9mm handgun in his waistband and two nearly foot-long knives in his possession, according to officers. Officers said the gun had been stolen from Pollock Pines a month ago.



Adam Sanford

Officers started looking for Sanford after two South Lake Tahoe men called about 7:10pm Nov. 13 to say they had been robbed by a man brandishing a gun and long-bladed knife. They were near the CVS in the Bijou Center. Then there was a report about the same time of the suspect firing at least one round after robbing two other Tahoe basin residents at the rear of the Tahoe Beach Retreat Hotel.

Officers nabbed Sanford after they saw him walk across Highway 50 to the Safeway parking lot.

Sanford is an ex-felon on probation from Sacramento County for burglary.

He was booked into the El Dorado County Jail with no bail after being charged with 11 crimes including robbery, possession of stolen property, exhibiting a firearm and

carrying a concealed dagger. Sanford also had three outstanding arrest warrants from Placer County for theft, resisting police and failure to appear in court.

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