

# Cheboygan fugitive released from jail in Miami

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Tue, 31 Mar 2015 01:12:27 GMT — After 16 years on the run from authorities, Roderick Tallman was found and arrested last week in Miami.

Tallman, a Cheboygan native had been first arrested in 1999 on charges of larceny by conversion.

Tallman had formerly owned a satellite service business which he used as a front to scam several Cheboygan resident out of hundreds of dollars.

"There was a complaint filed on Mr. Tallman involving a number of fraudulent activities involving a number of community members," said Cheboygan County Prosecutor Daryl Vizina. "Roughly 8 to 10."

After being arrested on the charge, Tallman got out on bond and fled the state. A bench warrant has been out for him ever since.

But when authorities of Miami-Dade County finally apprehended Tallman, the decision was made by the prosecutors office to set him loose rather than have him brought back to Michigan.

According to the prosecutors office, many factors played into this decision. The logistical cost of brining Tallman back was chief amongst them.

"Obviously budgets are tight," said Vizina. "Our extradition budget is about 2,000 dollars and the cost of bringing him up was going to be quite substantial considering the security measures that are required to transport a prisoner from the tip of Florida to Northern Michigan."

Vizina was also concerned that after 16 years, his office would have difficulty finding those residents that Tallman had allegedly stolen from in 1999.

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