

## Foxwoods Amway vendor charged with pocketing funds

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LEDYARD, Conn. (AP) - A Foxwoods Resort Casino vendor has been arrested after allegedly pocketing more than \$207,000 the casino paid for the delivery of mail-order catalogs and merchandise, police said.

Eric Snead, 22, of Ledyard, was charged this week with first-degree larceny by the state Police Casino & Licensing Unit, which began investigating the Amway Corp. distributor last March, police said.

Foxwoods had paid Snead after the delivery of Amway holiday mail-order catalogs and merchandise, police said. The casino ordered the catalogs so its approximately 11,000 employees could choose an item as a holiday gift from their employer.

But Snead did not pay Amway and deposited the money in his own account, police said.

Snead claims he did not pass the funds on to Amway because he had not worked out the details of his commission.

Representatives of Ada, Mich.-based Amway issued a statement Tuesday saying that Snead's distributorship has been terminated.

Bruce MacDonald, a spokesman for the Mashantucket Pequots, said dealings with Snead have been suspended pending the outcome of an internal inquiry.

Snead could face 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.