## Man who crashed sheriff's party enjoying 'celebrity'

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GLEN BURNIE, Md. (WUSA9) -- The Anne Arundel County Sheriff calls him one dumb criminal. But now a Catonsville man is bragging about his prowess as a party crasher and hoping to ride it to fame.

Sean Kovalick boasted on Facebook about all the free seafood and booze he was scarfing up after crashing a party at an event venue in Glen Burnie.

But it turned out it was Anne Arundel County Sheriff Ron Bateman's campaign fundraiser,



The sheriff thanked him for posting his confession -- and promised to be in touch.

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"I don't want to say I'm living my best life right now. But it feels like it," Kovalick said after getting out of jail.

Far from embarrassed, the 26-year-old professional poker player is now boasting about his exploits. "The media has completely blown me up to be some overnight celebrity.... I'm going to enjoy it."

After getting word of Kovalick's trick, the Sheriff arrested him, not for stealing, but as a fugitive on another charge in traffic court.

Kovalick had led the law to his door by posting on Facebook: "Laughing out loud ... currently crashing some party at Michaels 8th Avenue.... Don't know anybody here... but the beer and food is free... Apparently it's like politicians...but I'm drinking all their alcohol."

"I said thanks for posting your confession," said Bateman. "This is Sheriff Ron Bateman. It was my fundraiser that you stole from. See you in the next day or two."

"I didn't jump through a window," said Kovalick. "I didn't sneak in. I walked in the front door. Hypothetically speaking here."

Kovalick spent about five hours in jail before a judge released him on his own recognizance. He still has that other traffic charge to clear up.

The Sheriff decided against charging him with stealing his beer and seafood.

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