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ADMINISTRATIVE			
AGENCY ORI NUMBER FL0500000	AGENCY NAME PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	AGENCY REPORT NUMBER 26106192	
CHARGE TYPE FELONY	OTHER CHARGE TYPE	SPECIAL NOTES	
DEFENDANT			
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) Cantarero, Levi, John	RACE W	SEX M	DATE OF BIRTH 02/19/2006
CHARGE			
STATUTE NUMBER & CHARGE DESCRIPTION / VIOLATION OF ORD # 812.014(2)(c)(2) - GRAND THEFT PROPERTY VALUE \$5K-\$10K - FEL			
CHARGE			
STATUTE NUMBER & CHARGE DESCRIPTION / VIOLATION OF ORD # 817.034(4)(a)(3) - DEFRAUD TO OBTAIN PROPERTY VALUE OF LT \$20K - FEL			
VICTIM			
VICTIM'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) [REDACTED]		DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]	
LOCAL ADDRESS (STREET & APT #, CITY, STATE, ZIP) [REDACTED]		PHONE [REDACTED]	ADDRESS SOURCE
BUSINESS ADDRESS (STREET & APT #, CITY, STATE, ZIP) [REDACTED]		PHONE [REDACTED]	OCCUPATION
PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT			
<i>The undersigned certifies and swears that I have just and reasonable grounds to believe, and do believe that the above named Defendant committed the listed violation(s) of law. The Person taken into custody:</i> ☐ Committed the below acts in my presence. ☐ Confessed to [WITNESS] admitting to the below facts. ☐ Was observed by [WITNESS] who told [WITNESS] that he/she saw the arrested person commit the below acts. ☒ Was found to have committed the below acts, resulting from my (described) investigation. It should be noted that in recent months the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office has investigated numerous cases of elder fraud in which Uber courier vehicles have been utilized to transport currency from elderly defrauded victims to drop locations. These drop locations have frequently been in surrounding counties. In these scams, the elderly victims have been contacted via telephone by unknown individuals who falsely present themselves as either Wells Fargo employees or federal agents. The victims are convinced over the phone that an unknown person is attempting to fraudulently withdraw money from their checking accounts, and they need to quickly withdraw this money themselves before they are actually defrauded. The victims are directed to go to Wells Fargo branch locations and withdraw large sums of money from their checking accounts. Once these victims have withdrawn the money, they are told to place the money into either boxes or zipper bags. They are told that this money will be held as evidence for future criminal proceedings and are directed to place the money into the backseats of vehicles that will arrive shortly at their home or other pre-arranged pickup locations. To facilitate this scam, the persons on the other end of the phone oftentimes tell the victims many biographical details about the victim's which are true, leading the victims to believe they are really in contact with bank staff or law enforcement officers. On 10/27/2026 at approximately 1501 hours, PBSO Detective, [REDACTED] (#[REDACTED]), hereafter referred to as the "Victim", received a phone call from [REDACTED]. A male subject on the phone presented himself as PNC bank employee, and already knew the victim's full name. The victim was told that a female named "Susan Taylor" was attempting to fraudulently withdraw \$6,000 from his PNC checking account. The victim was asked if he did mobile banking, he responded that he did not, and at this point the person on the other end hung up.			

To further this investigation and potentially discover information of evidentiary value for similar cases in and around Palm Beach County, the victim engaged in a ruse and recalled the suspect phone number. From this point on, the victim pretended to believe the information he was told. Upon recalling the same number, the person on the other end asked the victim if he had a Wells Fargo account. The victim confirmed that he did. The Victim was then told that "Susan Taylor" (the same name from the first phone call) was attempting to withdraw \$6,000 from his Wells Fargo checking account via Zelle.

The victim was then directed to go to a Wells Fargo branch and withdraw \$6,000 from his checking account to prevent this purported fraud. The victim was told that he needed to stay on the phone during the entirety of his time at the bank and could not hang up. The victim was coached to tell the Wells Fargo employees that the large withdraw was for his personal business. The victim was told that the Wells Fargo employees were all involved in fraudulent activity and they could not know the truth about this matter/investigation. During the course of these conversations, the victim spoke to two separate male callers.

After withdrawing the money, the victim was told that the money he withdrew was actually counterfeit and this fraud was perpetrated by the Wells Fargo employees inside. These employees would soon be facing criminal charges. An FBI agent posing as an undercover Uber driver would meet with the victim a short distance away. The victim was told he needed to grab a box, place the money into a box as well as a toy he would purchase from a nearby store. The victim did as instructed and eventually met with an Uber driver a short distance away. No actual money was withdrawn during this attempted scam. The victim placed the box believed to contain \$6,000 into the backseat of the Uber courier and was told that money would soon be reimbursed into his Wells Fargo account.

Detectives and agents from the South Florida Criminal Apprehension Team initiated surveillance on the Uber vehicle as it drove from Palm Beach County to Broward County, where the end destination was [REDACTED] Pompano Beach, FL. Upon arrival, the Uber courier was directed by the subject who ordered the Uber to place the unopened package underneath an unoccupied blue Honda accord bearing FL Tag [REDACTED] registered to [REDACTED]. The Uber driver did as instructed by the Uber customer.

Surveillance was maintained on the package as it sat underneath the blue Honda Accord. Eventually, a white BMW bearing TN Tag [REDACTED] arrived. A Hispanic male exited the front passenger seat of the BMW, grabbed the package from underneath the blue Honda Accord and re-entered the front passenger seat. The BMW eventually left the area where the South Florida Criminal Apprehension Team initiated a takedown on the suspect vehicle. Shawn Hamilton (driver) and Levi Cantarero (front seat passenger) were taken into custody. Both agreed to be transported to the PBSO District 7.

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The package taken from underneath the blue Honda Accord was discovered ripped open and on the front passenger floorboard.

Hamilton requested contact be made with his girlfriend, [REDACTED], the registered owner of the blue Honda Accord, so that she could be notified of his arrest.

Post-Miranda, [REDACTED] admitted that Shawn Hamilton was her close friend and an on again off again romantic partner.

My investigation revealed that on 10/27/2026 a resident of Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office was contacted by two different unknown persons falsely presenting themselves as bank employees. The victim was told that his bank accounts were compromised. A ruse was developed and the victim pretended to follow the specific instructions he was given, traveling to a bank in Palm Beach County, withdrawing a large amount of currency (\$6,000) and place the money into a box and later into the backseat of a vehicle. The money was delivered from PBC to Broward County where it was placed underneath an unoccupied vehicle belonging to a romantic partner of Shawn Hamilton. Shawn Hamilton and Levi Cantarero arrived at the drop off location where Cantarero immediately went to pickup the package which was believed to contain \$6,000. Cantarero then got back into the passenger seat of the BMW he arrived in, which departed. The package was then ripped apart, indicating both dominion of the package and the permission/ability to manipulate it and obtain the contents therein.

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State of Florida, County of Palm Beach, The foregoing instrument was sworn to or affirmed and subscribed before me:

Signature of Arresting / Investigating Officer

Signature of Notary Public / Clerk of Court / Officer (F.S. 117.10)

Name of Arresting/Investigating Officer
O'Hara, Brett (45061)

Name of Notary Public / Clerk of Court / Officer (F.S. 117.10)
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