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GARCIA, RONALD			M
Charge Description	Charge Description		
817.034(4)(A)3 ORGANIZED SCHEME TO DEFRAUD UNDER	790.07(2) POSSESSION OF A FIREARM DURING FELONY		
Charge Description	Charge Description		
The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named Defendant committed the following violation of law			
The Person taken into custody			
☐ committed the below acts in my presence.			
☐ was observed by _____ who told _____ that he/she saw the arrested person commit the below acts.			
☐ confessed to _____ admitting to the below facts.			
☒ was found to have committed the below acts, resulting from my (described) investigation.			
On the <u>6</u> day of <u>October</u> , <u>2026</u> at <u>11:00</u> (Specifically include facts constituting cause for arrest.)			
The following incident occurred in the City of Delray Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.			
On 10/6/2026, at approximately 1220 hours, Sgt. C. Trapasso (ID # 988) was contacted by Lt. B. Cambell (ID # 858). He was advised that a victim had contacted a colleague from the police department and that she believed that she was on the phone with a suspect, that was actively trying to obtain money from her through fraudulent means. Sgt. Trapasso contacted _____ via her cell phone. She stated that she received a call from someone claiming to be an FDIC Investigator and she was instructed to withdraw a large amount of cash. She was on her way to Chase Bank, located at 1755 S Federal Hwy, Delray Beach, where she was going to meet with a "bank courier" who was going to pick up the cash from her. The victim was advised to not meet with anyone, not provide any cash to anyone and to try to keep the caller on the line. The victim was using two of her cell phones. She was speaking with Sgt. Trapasso on one phone line and speaking to the "FDIC Investigator" on the second phone line.			
This has been a recent trend to obtain cash, through fraudulent means. Victims are being contacted by suspects via phone and being told that their bank accounts are compromised. The victims are instructed to withdraw large amounts of cash from their accounts and then to deliver the cash to a waiting bank courier, who is usually a hired Uber/Lyft driver.			
DBPD Detectives responded to the parking lot of 1755 S Federal Hwy in unmarked units. This parking lot is shared by Chase Bank and a Carrabba's Restaurant, along with other business establishments. While DBPD units were driving to and setting up in the parking lot, Sgt. Trapasso maintained phone contact with the victim on her cell phone. She continued to speak with the suspect. During the conversation, the suspect advised that he knew that there were "marked Delray Beach Police Units" in the same parking lot and were directing her where to park. When we arrived to the parking lot, there were marked			
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DBPD Police units that were having lunch at the Carrabba's restaurant. It was evident that the suspect that was on the phone with the victim, was in the area/same parking lot, as he saw the vehicles parked there.

The victim advised that a driver in a red Toyota RAV4, would be arriving shortly to meet with her and pick up the cash. Within a few minutes, a red Toyota RAV4 SUV (FL Tag- [REDACTED]) parked on the south side of Carrabba's restaurant. The victim was instructed to go to Carrabba's and meet with the driver. Units on scene made contact with the driver of the vehicle and he was identified as [REDACTED] (B/M DOB- [REDACTED]). The victim who was still on the phone with Sgt. Trapasso advised that the suspect abruptly hung up with her, at the same time that units made contact with [REDACTED].

I obtained a statement from [REDACTED], on my BWC. He advised that he is an Uber driver and he was hired to meet with a woman in front of Carrabba's to pick up a package. He showed me his Uber app, which showed the pick up location of Carrabba's (335 E Linton Blvd, Delray Beach, FL) and that he was to drop off the package at CVS (1690 S Federal Hwy, Delray Beach). This CVS location is located in the shopping plaza, directly west of the shopping plaza with the Carrabba's and Chase Bank (approximately 0.3 miles away). The Uber pickup was hired by "Michael".

As DBPD Officers made contact with [REDACTED] (Uber driver) at Carrabba's, a gray KIA SUV (FL Tag- [REDACTED]), was observed quickly leaving the parking lot and driving west on Linton Blvd. Det. Bonet (ID # 1148) had been watching this vehicle as it was moving around in the parking lot and switching and backing in to different parking spots, just prior to the Uber driver arriving. Det. Bonet saw that the driver of the vehicle appeared to be actively speaking on speaker phone throughout the incident. The driver of the vehicle, matched the description of one of the registered owners of the vehicle, who had a suspended driver's license. The vehicle also had a cracked windshield. A traffic stop was conducted by Dets. Bruno (ID # 1195) and Bonet, on I-95 Northbound (Mile Marker 59) for the traffic infractions.

The vehicle was occupied by three occupants, later identified as Ronald Garcia (Driver), Edward Patrick Thomas (Front Passenger) and Michael Rescigno (Rear Passenger). Det. Bonet smelled an odor of burnt marijuana from the vehicle and its occupants. They were removed from the vehicle. A pat down was conducted for officer safety. A black Taurus 9mm firearm, was found in Garcia's front waistband. A small amount of marijuana was found in Edward Thomas' (passenger) pocket. The marijuana was field tested positive at the Police Department, by Det. Vasquez. The phone number that contacted the victim ([REDACTED]) was called on scene. A phone that had been in Ronald Garcia's possession, began to ring. The three occupants of the vehicle were brought back to the Delray Beach Police Department, for an interview.

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S Federal Hwy, Delray Beach). She provided me with a sworn statement, which was captured on my BWC. She stated that on 10/5/2026, she received a phone call from [REDACTED]. A male voice identified himself as "Elijah Codwell" from FDIC, told her that her bank accounts had been compromised. The victim stated that she was about to get on a plane to come to Florida from Texas and that she was not able to speak at that time. She told "Elijah Codwell" to call her back today (10/6/2026). Today (10/6/2026) at approximately 1100 hours, she received a call from "Elijah Codwell" using the same phone number [REDACTED]. He told her that her bank accounts had been compromised and that fraud was being committed on her accounts. She was advised to go to Wells Fargo and Bank of America to withdraw money. While she was speaking on the phone, she received a text stating that an attempted wire was being made for \$9,895. The victim advised that she did not bank with Wells Fargo or Bank of America but conducted her banking through Chase Bank. She was instructed to go to Chase Bank and withdraw the \$9,895 in cash from her account, so that it could be used to open a safe account. She was told that a "bank courier" would meet her to pick up the cash. While speaking with "Elijah Codwell" she became suspicious and contacted a friend/colleague, who contacted DBPD. She advised that while speaking to "Elijah Codwell" on the phone, she was parked in front of the bank in her vehicle and was told that bank drivers were on the way to pick up the cash. She was still in possession of \$9,895 in cash, which was in an envelope. For her exact statement, please see BWC footage. I responded back to the Delray Beach Police Department for Det. Vasquez (ID # 1256) and I, to interview the occupants of the vehicle. Edward Patrick Thomas was read Miranda Warnings and advised that the vehicle belonged to him and that he had Ronald Garcia drive, since he had a bad driver's license. He then advised that he did not wish to speak without the presence of a lawyer. Michael Rescigno (rear passenger) immediately advised that he would not speak without a lawyer. Ronald Garcia was read Miranda Warnings and advised that he understood. He stated that he was at home in West Palm Beach, when Thomas and Rescigno came over. They decided to drive down to Delray Beach to have lunch. He was unable to tell me which restaurant that they drove to for lunch. He then stated that one of the passengers, needed to use the restroom so they stopped at a CVS or Walgreen's in the area. He could not provide the location of the CVS or Walgreens. He stated that his phone was in the cupholder of the vehicle. He further stated that he was not paying attention to what was going on in the car, or if anyone was on the phone from the time that they left West Palm Beach until Delray Beach. For his exact statement, please see interview room footage. I conducted a TLO Database search of the phone number [REDACTED] that was contacting						
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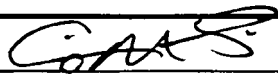
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the victim and it came back registered to Ronald Garcia (Driver).								
The suspect(s) in this case contacted the victim from the same phone number over a period of two days, posing as an FDIC Investigator in order to fraudulently obtain cash from the victim. She was given directions on how much to withdraw and where to meet with the "bank courier" which was arranged by the suspect(s) and hired through an Uber app/profile.								
Based on the above facts, I find probable cause to charge Ronald Garcia, with Organized Scheme to Defraud (Under \$20,000), pursuant to FSS 817.034(4) (A)3 and Possession of a Firearm during Felony pursuant to FSS 790.07(2).								
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