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5. F/3-COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE/UNLAWFUL USE	F.S.	1	934.215			90000079	N	
6. F/1-MONEY TRANSMITTER/UNAUTHORIZED/>100K	F.S.	1	560.125(5)(C)			0014260D	N	
7. Z/0-HOLD FOR MAGISTRATE	F.S.		995.986			95000069		
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ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026, AT APPROXIMATELY 9:40 A.M., THIS DETECTIVE WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY DEPUTY WILLIAM OCNER, BADGE: 9823 OF THE MIAMI-DADE SHERIFFS OFFICE (MDSO), HAMMOCKS DISTRICT, UNIFORM PATROL, IN REGARD TO A SUSPECTED ELDER FRAUD CASE. DEPUTY OCNER STATED THAT HE WAS DISPATCHED TO THE VICTIMS RESIDENCE PURSUANT TO A LOCATE AND NOTIFY REQUEST FROM THE MANATEE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, REGARDING AN ELDER FRAUD INVESTIGATION THEY WERE CONDUCTING.

A COMMON METHOD INVOLVES SUBJECTS FALSELY IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS REPRESENTATIVES OF LEGITIMATE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, OR FRAUD INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENTS. BY IMPERSONATING TRUSTED AUTHORITIES, THESE INDIVIDUALS GAIN THE VICTIM'S CONFIDENCE AND CREATE A FALSE SENSE OF URGENCY OR FEAR.

THE PERPETRATORS TYPICALLY CLAIM THAT THE VICTIM'S BANK ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED OR ARE BEING USED IN CONNECTION WITH CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. THEY MAY FURTHER REPRESENT THEMSELVES AS BANK FRAUD INVESTIGATORS, FBI AGENTS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, OR OTHER FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVES. IN SOME INSTANCES, THEY USE SPOOFED TELEPHONE NUMBERS, FRAUDULENT IDENTIFICATION, AND CONVINCING TERMINOLOGY TO MAKE THEIR COMMUNICATIONS APPEAR LEGITIMATE.

ONCE THE VICTIM HAS BEEN PERSUADED THAT AN INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY, THE PERPETRATORS INSTRUCT THEM TO WITHDRAW SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF MONEY, TRANSFER FUNDS BETWEEN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, PROVIDE ACCOUNT CREDENTIALS, SURRENDER CREDIT CARDS, OR TURN OVER CASH TO INDIVIDUALS POSING AS AUTHORIZED COURIERS. VICTIMS ARE OFTEN TOLD THESE ACTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THEIR ASSETS OR ASSIST WITH AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION. THEY ARE FURTHER REASSURED THAT THEIR MONEY WILL BE RETURNED ONCE THE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED. IN REALITY, THESE REPRESENTATIONS ARE FRAUDULENT AND INTENDED TO FACILITATE THE THEFT OF THE VICTIM'S ASSETS.

THIS DETECTIVE WHO IS ASSIGNED TO THE MDSO, ORGANIZED CRIMES BUREAU (OCB), VICE & INTELLIGENCE SQUAD (VIS), WAS REQUESTED TO RESPOND AND ASSIST WITH THE INVESTIGATION.

ONCE ON SCENE, THIS DETECTIVE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED INVESTIGATORS WITH THE MANATEE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, WHO STATED THAT DURING THE COURSE OF AN ACTIVE ELDER FRAUD INVESTIGATION, THEY IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM.

THIS DETECTIVE THEN MET WITH THE VICTIM WHO IS 77 YEARS OF AGE AND STATED THAT ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2026, SHE WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY A MALE WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS MR. HARRY WALTER, A REPRESENTATIVE OF GEEK SQUAD. THE VICTIM STATED THAT MR. HARRY WALTER STATED THAT THERE WAS AN ERROR IN GEEK ... [Continued on Next Page]

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I SWEAR THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. YOUNG, B: Court ID: 030-07164	SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY THIS 13 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026 CANIZARES, B: Court ID: 030-07251	

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SQUADS SUBSCRIPTION AND THAT OVER $100,000.00, WAS INADVERTENTLY SENT INTO HER CHECKING ACCOUNT, AND THAT SHE WOULD HAVE TO REPAY THE FUNDS. THE VICTIM WAS THEN INSTRUCTED TO WIRE VARIOUS ACCOUNTS OVER THE COURSE OF TWO WEEKS, IN ORDER TO REPAY THE DEBT. AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF OVER $200,000.00 WAS TRANSFERRED TO VARIOUS ACCOUNTS TO UNKNOWN RECIPIENTS. IN ADDITION, THE VICTIM WAS INSTRUCTED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS TO WITHDRAWAL FUNDS AND TRANSPORT THE FUNDS TO HER RESIDENCE WHILE SHE AWAITS THE ARRIVAL OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO PICK UP THE FUNDS.

WHILE IN THE PRESENCE OF THIS DETECTIVE, THE VICTIM WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY MR. HARRY WALTER, WHO REQUESTED THAT THE VICTIM WITHDRAW APPROXIMATELY $30,000.00 FROM HER CITI BANK ACCOUNT. MR. HARRY WALTER THEN REQUESTED THAT THE VICTIM REMAIN ON AN OPEN LINE AND INSTRUCTED HER TO DRIVE THE BANK. VIS DETECTIVES THEN COVERTLY FOLLOWED THE VICTIM TO THE CITIBANK LOCATED AT 13608 SW 88TH STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA. ONCE ARRIVAL AT THE BANK, MR. HARRY WALTER INSTRUCTED THE VICTIM ON WHAT TO SAY TO THE BANK TELLER IN ORDER TO AVOID SUSPICIONS. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE VICTIM EXITED THAT BANK WITH $30,000.00 AND ENTERED HER VEHICLE BEFORE RETURNING BACK TO HER RESIDENCE.

ONCE BACK AT HER RESIDENCE, THE VICTIM WAS INSTRUCTED BY MR. HARRY WALTER, TO REMAIN ON AN OPEN LINE WHILE SHE AWAITS A REPRESENTATIVE TO ARRIVE AT HER RESIDENCE. VIS DETECTIVES THEN SWAPPED THE U.S. CURRENCY WITH FICTIOUS U.S. CURRENCY FLASH MONEY.

AT APPROXIMATELY 2:00PM, MR. HARRY WALTER, STATED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE WAS CLOSE BY AND PROVIDED A PASSWORD RARE RABBIT TO PROVIDE THE DRIVER TO CONFIRM PICK UP. SIMULTANEOUSLY, VIS DETECTIVES OBSERVED A SILVER MASERATI WITH A MONTANA LICENSE PLATE: [redacted] ATTACHED, ARRIVED IN THE COMPLEX AND BEGAN DRIVING AROUND AIMLESSLY CONDUCTING COUNTER SURVEILLANCE. EVENTUALLY, THE MALE DRIVER, WHO WAS THE SOLE OCCUPANT OF THE VEHICLE, PARKED NEAR THE VICTIMS RESIDENCE AND EXITED THE VEHICLE WALKING TOWARDS THE VICTIMS FRONT DOOR. THE VICTIM THEN MET WITH THE MALE AND PROVIDED HIM WITH THE PASSWORD BEFORE TRANSFERRING THE U.S. CURRENCY FLASH MONEY TO THE MALE SUBJECT WHO THEN BEGAN TO WALK BACK TOWARDS THE VEHICLE. THE MALE DRIVER WAS OBSERVED BY DETECTIVES PUTTING THE ENVELOPES WITH CURRENCY INTO HIS POCKET AND WALKING BACK TO HIS VEHICLE CONSTANTLY LOOKING AROUND. SGT. B. CANIZARES (7251) APPROACHED THE MALE DRIVER AND GAVE HIM COMMANDS TO STOP. THE MALE CONTINUED TO WALK PAST HIS VEHICLE AND TOWARDS THE APARTMENTS ENTRANCE UNTIL HE WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY VIS DETECTIVES. THE MALE WHO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED AS MR. EMANUELE VITO DE CARIA, W/M/27, DOB: [redacted], WAS THEN TRANSPORTED TO THE MDSO, HAMMOCKS DISTRICT STATION PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THE VICTIM IS 77 YEARS OF AGE AND WAS TARGETED BY AN... [Continued on Next Page]

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AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED A BAG ON THE PASSENGER SIDE SEAT CONTAINING A LARGE AMONG OF U.S. CURRENCY. THE CURRENCY WAS ORGANIZED AND SEPARATED IN CURRENCY BANDS WITH INITIALS OF UNKNOWN PERSONS, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ELDERLY FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS.

ONCE AT MDSO, HAMMOCKS DISTRICT STATION, MR. DE CARIA WAS READ THE MIRANDA WARNING PER FORM AND AGREED TO SPEAK TO INVESTIGATORS. POST MIRANDA WARNING, MR. DE CARIA STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN WORKING FOR AN UNKNOWN PERSON MARK, WHOM HE BELIEVES MAY RESIDE IN DUBAI FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS. HE STATED THAT MARK WOULD SEND HIM TO PICK UP LARGE QUANTITIES OF U.S. CURRENCY AND GOLD BARS AROUND THE COUNTRY FROM ELDERLY PERSONS WHOM HE BELIEVED WERE ONLY PAYING CUSTOMERS, MR. DE CARIA STATED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE THAT THEY MAY BE POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF FRAUD.

FURTHERMORE, MR. DE CARIA STATED THAT APPROXIMATELY $52,000.00 OF THE U.S. CURRENCY LOCATED INSIDE OF THE VEHICLE DID NOT BELONG TO HIM.

MR. DE CARIA WAS THEN CHARGED ACCORDINGLY AND TRANSPORTED TO THE TURNER GUILFORD KNIGHT CORRECTIONAL CENTER.

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