CRIMINAL REPORT AFFIDAVIT/HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

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◉ Fel ○ Misd ○ (APAD) Adult Pre-Arrest Div ○ Traffic ○ Tampa Ord ○ Juv Delinq ○ JAAP Booking #: 2026-40126

Arrest Type: ◉ PC ○ Warrant ○ PC VOP/VOCC **Request:** ○ Warrant ○ SAO Review Direct File ○ JUV Pick-Up Order

Court Case # **Family #** **SOID #**

Agency: ◉ HCSO ○ TPD ○ PCPD ○ TTPD ○ FHP ○ Other: **Report #** 26-1154174 Report Written ◉ Yes ○ No

Offense Location:	6275 W WATERS AVE, TAMPA, FL 33634	**Offense Date:** 11/19/2026	**Offense Time:** 1755
Arrest Location:	6275 W WATERS AVE, TAMPA, FL 33634	**Arrest Date:** 11/19/2026	**Arrest Time:** 2013

Defendant: Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	○ Gang Name:
VLADESCU	**NICOLAIE**		

[redacted]

School (JUV) **Parent**/Guardian (JUV)

No Co-defendants Found

Statute	Level	Degree	Charge	Count	Citation #	DV
817.568(2)(A)	Fel	T	FRAUDULENT USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION **(FRAU1171)**	1		○
817.568(2)(C)	Fel	F	FRAUDULENT USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION OVER $100,000 OR 30 OR MORE VICTIMS **(FRAU1192)**	1		○
817.625(2)(A)1	Fel	T	FRAUDULENT USE OF A SKIMMING DEVICE OF A PAYMENT CARD **(FRAU3021)**	1		○
817.625(2)(C)	Fel	T	POSSESS, SELL, OR DELIVER A SKIMMING DEVICE **(FRAU3029)**	1		○

The undersigned swears there are reasonable grounds to believe that the above named defendant in Hillsborough County, Florida, did:

On November 19,2026, while assigned to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Organized Retail Theft Unit, I responded to the Lowe's Home Improvement store located at 6275 W Waters Ave, Tampa, FL, Hillsborough County, Florida to conduct an investigation involving the installation of a credit/debit card skimming device.

During the course of this investigation, I obtained information regarding the incident through Lowe's loss prevention personnel, store surveillance footage, and the investigation conducted by Deputy Lavine. The following information was established.

On the aforementioned date, at approximately 1300 hours, store surveillance footage captured an unidentified male and the defendant approaching a self checkout payment register inside Lowe's . One of the males, subsequently identified as the defendant was observed physically placing an unauthorized electronic device onto the payment-card reader at the register white the unidentified male was scanning card board boxes. The device was later discovered to be a suspected credit/debit card skimming device.

The unidentified co-defendant then positioned himself in a manner that appeared to obstruct the view of the defendant's actions while the defendant attached the device to the register. The unidentified co-defendant deliberately place a cellular telephone on a merchandise shelf in close proximity to the payment terminal where the defendant installed the suspected skimming device. The cellular telephone was positioned in a manner that concealed it from casual observation while remaining near the compromised payment terminal.

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Certain electronic skimming devices are capable of utilizing wireless communication technology, including Bluetooth, to transmit captured payment-card information to nearby electronic devices, such as cellular telephones. Depending on the capabilities and configuration of the skimming device, a nearby cellular telephone may be utilized to receive, store, or facilitate the subsequent transmission of unlawfully obtained payment-card information without requiring the individual to physically retrieve the skimming device.

Based on the coordinated actions captured on surveillance, including the unidentified co-defendant's positioning while the defendant physically installed the device, I believe the two individuals were acting together to facilitate the unauthorized placement of the skimming device without attracting attention from employees or customers. Following the installation at approximately 1300 hours, the unauthorized device remained attached to the payment terminal until approximately 1600 hours. During this period, customers continued conducting transactions at the affected register, exposing their credit and debit card information to unauthorized collection.

At approximately 1600 hours, a customer experienced difficulty completing a payment transaction at the affected register and requested assistance from store personnel. While examining the payment terminal to determine the cause of the malfunction, store personnel discovered the unauthorized device when it became detached from the card reader. The device was subsequently recognized as a suspected payment-card skimming device, designed to obtain and store information from credit or debit cards presented by unsuspecting customers.

A review identified 73 cardholders that conducted transactions during the period which the device was installed and the return of the defendant and unidentified male.

Later that same date, at approximately 2013 hours, Deputy Lavine was at the Lowe's location conducting the initial investigation and obtaining surveillance footage of the incident. While Deputy Lavine was on scene, a Lowe's loss prevention representative urgently approached and advised that the same two males observed earlier installing the skimming device had returned to the business.

Upon their return, the unidentified co-defendant fled the area on foot, while the defendant, who had been observed physically installing the skimming device earlier that afternoon, remained at the location.

The surveillance footage establishes that the defendant personally handled and installed the unauthorized device onto a payment terminal used by unsuspecting customers. The defendant's actions were not consistent with any legitimate retail transaction or authorized maintenance of the payment terminal. Furthermore, the coordinated conduct between the defendant and unidentified co-defendant, including the apparent effort to conceal the installation, supports the conclusion that the device was knowingly possessed and deliberately installed for an unlawful purpose. Post Miranda, the defendant admitted to the offense.

Based on the totality of the circumstances, including the video surveillance documenting the defendant's physical possession and installation of the suspected skimming device, the coordinated actions of the unidentified co-defendant, and the subsequent discovery of the device on the payment terminal, I have probable cause to believe that the defendant knowingly possessed a skimming device and through the installation of the device recorded 73 payments card information without any authorization of the cardholders.

The defendant was subsequently identified through via his Washington State Driver's License.

Pursuant to Florida Statute §92.525 and under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing document and the facts stated in it are true to the best of my knowledge. For Notices to Appear, I also certify that a complete list of witnesses and evidence known to me is attached.

Affiant:		Officer #	DIST: DISPD	SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS DATE	Officer #
	DET J Gonzalez Fundora Digitally signed on 2026.11.19 23:08:00	258661	SQD: PRRTU	CPL K Bruce Digitally signed on 2026.11.19 23:15:22	257070

Judgment requested against defendant for agency investigative cost per Florida Statute 938.27: $2,002.00

Additional Victims / Witnesses

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Case Category Description: *Criminal*

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Case Sub Type Description:

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Arrest Date: 11/19/2026 **Arrest Time:** 20:13
Book Date: 11/20/2026 **Book Time:** 01:10

Arrest Location: 6275 W WATERS AVE

Release Information

Release Data DOES NOT OCCUPY A CELL - RELEASED ON: 11/23/2026 AT 04:32 - REL: IMMIGRATION

Additional Information

OBTS: [redacted] **Caution Ind:**
Caution Remarks:

Attorney:
Address: **Phone:**

Charges

Charge #1

Charge Description:	POSSESS, SELL, OR DELIVER A SKIMMING DEVICE (FRAU3029)
Class:	F3
Charge Count:	1
Charge Type:	Probable Cause
Court:	31
DISP:	Surety Bond
Bond:	$2,500.00
BP:	B
Fine:	$0.00
Custody Days:	4

Report Number: HS20261154174
CT-Case #: 26-CF-020434-A
Offense Date: 11/19/2026
Agency: Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
OBTS Number: [redacted]
Charge Code: FRAU3029
CRA Number: HS26033512

Remark:

Charge #2

Charge Description: FRAUDULENT USE OF A SKIMMING DEVICE OF A PAYMENT CARD (FRAU3021)
Class: F3
Charge Count: 1
Charge Type: Probable Cause

Court: 31
DISP: Surety Bond
Bond: $2,500.00
BP: B
Fine: $0.00

Custody Days: 4

Report Number: HS20261154174
CT-Case #: 26-CF-020434-A
Offense Date: 11/19/2026
Agency: Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
OBTS Number: [redacted]
Charge Code: FRAU3021
CRA Number: HS26033512

Remark:

Charge #3

Charge Description:	FRAUDULENT USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION OVER $100,000 OR 30 OR MORE VICTIMS (FRAU1192)
Class:	F1
Charge Count:	1
Charge Type:	Probable Cause
Court:	31
DISP:	Surety Bond
Bond:	$7,500.00
BP:	B
Fine:	$0.00
Custody Days:	4
Report Number:	HS20261154174
CT-Case #:	26-CF-020434-A
Offense Date:	11/19/2026
Agency:	Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
OBTS Number:	[redacted]
Charge Code:	FRAU1192
CRA Number:	HS26033512

Remark:
BOND SET FOR $7500 PER JUDGE GUTMAN

Charge #4

Charge Description:	FRAUDULENT USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION (FRAU1171)
Class:	F3
Charge Count:	1
Charge Type:	Probable Cause
Court:	31
DISP:	Surety Bond
Bond:	$2,500.00
BP:	B
Fine:	$0.00
Custody Days:	4