# **SUBJECT PROFILE**





Name:

Chastity Joy Barry

Race:

White

Sex:

Female

Date of Birth:

02/10/1976

Address:

16782 87th Lane N

Loxahatchee, FL 33470

Height:

5'0"

Hair:

Brown/Red

Eyes:

Brown

Florida Driver License:

B600-110-76-550-0

Social Security Number:

Florida

Place of Birth:

## **CASE PREDICATION**

Between November 2017 and October 2018, Chastity Joy Barry submitted twenty (20) claims for payment to American Family Life Assurance Company (Aflac) in Palm Beach County, Florida. Chastity Barry was paid a total of \$39,695 for these claims. This investigation revealed that Chastity Barry was one of a group of people who forged insurance billing forms (UB04 forms) and/or medical treatment/progress notes for hospital and doctor visits that never occurred in support of their insurance claims.

## **SUMMARY OF FACTS**

#### **Investigation:**

Between the approximate dates of November 7, 2017 and October 24, 2018, Chastity Joy Barry (DOB: 02/10/1976) held insurance policies P0M8F407 and P0M8F408 with American Family Life Assurance Company (Aflac). The policies included coverage for herself and her children: Gianna Duyos (DOB: 11/20/1997), Giovanni Duyos (DOB: 06/16/2006), and Julian Duyos (DOB: 11/09/2010). Under these policies, Chastity Barry filed five (5) fraudulent hospitalization claims listing herself as the patient, five (5) fraudulent claims listing Gianna Duyos as the patient, four (4) fraudulent claims listing Giovanni Duyos as the patient, and six (6) fraudulent claims listing Julian Duyos as the patient. In total, Chastity Barry filed twenty (20) claims with Aflac for alleged hospitalizations for herself and her children. Chastity Barry was paid by Aflac a total of \$39,695 for these claims. The following fraudulent claims are presented together as **EXHIBIT #1**:

Claim #	Patient	Hospital	Alleged Dates of	Date Claim
			Hospitalization*	Submitted
008027121	Chastity Barry	Wellington Regional	01/01/2017	07/01/2018
		Medical Center		
003878235	Chastity Barry	Palms West Hospital	02/17/2017-02/23/2017	12/27/2017
004149722	Chastity Barry	Palms West Hospital	03/23/2017-03/26/2017	01/08/2018
003660362	Chastity Barry	Palms West Hospital	07/19/2017-07/24/2017	12/14/2017
002768837	Chastity Barry	Palms West Hospital	09/07/2017-09/14/2017	11/07/2017
002837788	Gianna Duyos	Palms West Hospital	01/16/2017-01/21/2017	11/09/2017
003625276	Gianna Duyos	Palms West Hospital	03/05/2017-03/10/2017	12/13/2017
003719949	Gianna Duyos	Palms West Hospital	07/19/2017-07/23/2017	12/18/2017
005312312	Gianna Duyos	Palms West Hospital	10/22/2017-10/27/2017	02/26/2018
005332799	Gianna Duyos	Palms West Hospital	10/22/2017-10/27/2017	02/27/2018
003795921	Giovanni Duyos	Palms West Hospital	01/11/2017-01/17/2017	12/21/2017
002883029	Giovanni Duyos	Palms West Hospital	04/03/2017-04/06/2017	11/13/2017
004327017	Giovanni Duyos	Palms West Hospital	05/06/2017-05/10/2017	01/12/2018
002998152	Giovanni Duyos	Palms West Hospital	08/30/2017	11/16/2017
010419811	Julian Duyos	Palms West Hospital	01/09/2017-01/16/2017	10/24/2018
002998285	Julian Duyos	Palms West Hospital	02/26/2017-02/27/2017	11/16/2017
004056752	Julian Duyos	Palms West Hospital	03/23/2017-03/28/2017	01/03/2018
004139765	Julian Duyos	Palms West Hospital	03/23/2017-03/28/2017	01/08/2018
008224365	Julian Duyos	Palms West Hospital	06/09/2017-06/19/2017	07/11/2018
006329712	Julian Duyos	Palms West Hospital	11/29/2017-12/06/2017	04/12/2018

<sup>\*</sup>Separate claims for the same dates indicate the submission of additional paperwork in order to receive payment for separate permissible benefits per hospitalization.

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On or around December 28, 2020, Aflac Special Investigator Lauren Dunn began an investigation into a group of claimants who submitted numerous claims from the same IP address. That IP address was later confirmed to belong to Palm Beach Neurosurgery (**EXHIBIT** #2). Chastity Barry's claims were among those Ms. Dunn investigated. It should be noted that Chastity Barry was an employee at Palm Beach Neurosurgery for a brief period around the time she submitted her claims. During her investigation, Ms. Dunn was unable to verify whether Chastity Barry or her children were treated at Palms West Hospital on the dates included in Ms. Barry's claims.

On February 24, 2021, Special Investigator Lauren Dunn sent Chastity Barry a letter requesting Ms. Barry provide proof of services for the treatments included in her claims (**EXHIBIT** #3).

On March 5, 2021, Lauren Dunn referred Chastity Barry's case, along with the cases of the other related suspects, to the State of Florida Division of Investigative and Forensic Services' Bureau of Insurance Fraud. Shortly thereafter, the case was assigned to me, Detective Gregory Rhinehart.

On April 6, 2021, I began reviewing the claim files sent to me by Aflac, including Chastity Barry's claims from Palms West Hospital for the alleged hospitalizations listed above. However, the claims sent to me in this initial file included only claims submitted in 2017. The claim paperwork included several hospital billing forms (UB04 forms) from Palms West Hospital detailing the charges for Ms. Barry and her children's alleged hospitalizations.

On April 22, 2021, Detective Earl Brown and I met with Donna Scheffler, the Health Information Management Director at Palms West Hospital, located at 13001 Southern Boulevard, Loxahatchee, FL 33470. Ms. Scheffler was able to confirm that none of the above-listed claims were for valid hospitalizations at Palms West Hospital.

On May 19, 2021, I served subpoenas to Bank of America and TD Bank for the bank accounts listed on Chastity Barry's Aflac policies.

On June 21, 2021, I received bank records from Bank of America for Chastity Barry's account. When I reviewed Ms. Barry's account, I found that she was paid \$30,460 by Aflac between November 13, 2017 and January 17, 2018 (**EXHIBIT #4**). This number was greater than what was alleged by Aflac in the claim file they initially sent to me. I then followed up with Special Investigator Lauren Dunn to verify whether Chastity Barry had filed any additional claims in 2018. Ms. Dunn confirmed Ms. Barry had indeed filed several claims in 2018 that were for alleged hospitalizations at Palms West Hospital and that were not included in her initial investigation.

On June 28, 2021, Lauren Dunn sent me the paperwork from the additional claims that were filed by Chastity Barry in 2018. Ms. Barry filed an additional 12 claims in 2018 for alleged hospitalizations at Palms West Hospital and Wellington Regional Medical Center. The paperwork included in each of the claim files indicates that Chastity Barry was paid a total of \$39,695 for the all invalid claims that she filed in both 2017 and 2018 (**EXHIBIT #5**).

On June 29, 2021, I received bank records from TD Bank for Chastity Barry's account. Ms. Barry's bank statements indicate she was paid by Aflac for valid claims, but she was also paid \$1,525 for an invalid claim filed in November 2017 (**EXHIBIT #6**). This \$1,525 is accounted for in the total amount listed above.

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On July 7, 2021, I received a notarized Business Record Certificate from Donna Scheffler, the Health Information Management Director at Palms West Hospital. This Business Record Certificate serves as a sworn, written affidavit confirming that Chastity Barry and her children were not treated at Palms West Hospital on any of the dates from the claims submitted in 2017 listed in the table above (**EXHIBIT #7**). Therefore, all the above-listed claims submitted in 2017 are fraudulent.

On July 15, 2021, I received another sworn, written affidavit from Donna Scheffler, the Health Information Management Director at Palms West Hospital. Her affidavit confirmed that Chastity Barry and her children were not treated at Palms West Hospital on any of the dates from the claims submitted in 2018 listed in the table above (**EXHIBIT** #8). Therefore, all the above-listed claims submitted in 2018 are also fraudulent.

On November 16, 2021, I received a sworn, written affidavit from Joan DeSeno, Director of Health Information Management at Wellington Regional Medical Center. Ms. DeSeno confirmed that Chastity Barry was not treated at Wellington Regional Medical Center on the dates of the claim listed in the table above (**EXHIBIT** #9).

Although additional charges are not being sought, a few other pieces of information that came to light during my investigation should be noted. First, Darneshia Hodge, who works at Palm Beach Neurosurgery and is also included in my investigation, appears to have fraudulently obtained twelve controlled substance prescriptions using Dr. Ramin Abdolvahabi's name and DEA number to call in the prescriptions. Of the twelve called-in prescriptions, Chastity Barry presented her driver license when she picked up two Phentermine (Schedule IV drug) prescriptions. Additionally, a review of bank records belonging to other individuals involved in this case indicates that Chastity Barry received money from at least one other individual under investigation. These facts serve to show a level of familiarity and collaboration with the other individuals under investigation.

#### Conclusion:

- 1. Chastity Barry submitted 20 fraudulent hospitalization claims to Aflac between the approximate dates of November 7, 2017 and October 24, 2018.
- 2. Chastity Barry was paid \$39,695 as a result of these 20 fraudulent claims.
- 3. Medical records custodians at Palms West Hospital and Wellington Regional Medical Center confirmed that Chastity Barry, Gianna Duyos, Giovanni Duyos, and Julian Duyos were not patients at their facilities on any of the dates listed in the claims.
- 4. Chastity Barry engaged in a systematic, ongoing course of conduct with the intent to defraud Aflac over a period of nearly a year.

Based on the above facts, there is probable cause to believe that between November 7, 2017 and October 24, 2018, in Palm Beach County, Florida, the defendant, Chastity Joy Barry, did obtain \$39,695 by presenting false documents in support of twenty separate insurance claims, thereby engaging in a systematic, ongoing course of conduct with intent to defraud American Family Life Assurance Company by false or fraudulent pretenses in violation of Florida Statute 817.034 (4a2).

I hereby swear and affirm that the above information did occur in Palm Beach County, Florida and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Gregory M. Rhinehart, DETECTIVE

Florida Department of Financial Services

Division of Investigative and Forensic Services

Bureau of Insurance Fraud

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 20 th day of November 2021, by Gregory M.

Rhinehart, who is personally known to me.

Law Enforcement Officer (F.S.S. 117.10)