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ARREST / NOTICE TO APPEAR
Juvenile Referral Report

1. Arrest 3. Request For Warrant 1 Juvenile N
2. N.T.A. 4. Request For Capias

OBTS Number		Agency ORI Number FLO 6 0 0 0 0		Agency Name PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		Agency Report Number 06 21-927					
Charge Type: Check as many as apply <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Felony <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Traffic Felony <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Traffic Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Other		If Weapon Seized		Multiple Clearance Indicator		3					
Location of Arrest (Including Name of Business) 4595 Hypoluxo Rd Suite 4 Lake Worth FL, 33463				Location of Offense (Including Name of Business) 4595 Hypoluxo Rd Suite 4, Lake Worth Hermes Muff Services							
Date of Arrest 9/15/2021	Time of Arrest 1500	Booking Date	Booking Time	Jail Date	Jail Time	Location of Vehicle N/A					
Name (Last, First, Middle) Escobar Hermes Omar				Aliases (Name, DOB, Soc. Sec. # Etc.)							
Race W - White B - Black O - Oriental/Asian	Sex M	Date of Birth 06/22/1959	Height 6'0	Weight 190	Eye Color Brown	Hair Color Gray	Complexion Light	Build Thin			
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, Unique Physical Features (Location, Type, Description) None				Marital Status Married	Religion Catholic	Indication of Alcohol/Drug Influence Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Unk <input type="checkbox"/>					
Local Address (Street, Apt. Number) 5113 CORNELL WALK		City LAKE WORTH	State FL	Zip 33463	Phone 561-267-3544	Residence Type: 1. City 2. County 3. Florida 4. Out of State 2					
Permanent Address (Street, Apt. Number) 5113 CORNELL WALK		City LAKE WORTH	State FL	Zip 33463	Phone 561-267-3544	Address Source DAVID					
Business Address (Street, Apt. Number) 4595 Hypoluxo Rd Suite 4		City LAKE WORTH	State FL	Zip 33463	Phone 561-267-3544	Occupation Dry Cleaning/ Alterations					
Dtl. Number, State E216-334-59-222-0		Social Security Number	INS Number 079187204		Place of Birth Honduras	Citizenship Honduras					
Co-Defendant Name (Last, First, Middle)		Race	Sex	Date of Birth	1. Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Felony <input type="checkbox"/> 2. At Large <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/>						
Co-Defendant Name (Last, First, Middle)		Race	Sex	Date of Birth	1. Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Felony <input type="checkbox"/> 2. At Large <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/>						
Parent Legal Guardian Other	Name (Last, First, Middle)		Address (Street, Apt. No.)		City	State	Zip	Phone			
Notified By (Name)				Date	Time	Juvenile Disposition: 1. Handled/Processed within Dept. and Released 2. TOT HRSDOYS 3. Incarcerated					
Released To (Name)				Relationship	Date	Time					
The above address was provided by <input type="checkbox"/> defendant and/or <input type="checkbox"/> defendant's parents. The child and/or parent was told to keep the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office (Phone 561 305-2528) informed of any address change.				School Attended		Grade					
Property Crime? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				Description of Property		Value of Property					
Drug Activity N. N/A P. Possess		S. Sell B. Buy T. Traffic	R. Struggle D. Deliver E. Use	K. Dispense/ Distribute	M. Manufacture/ Produce Cultivate	Z. Other	Drug Type N. N/A A. Amphetamine	B. Barbiturate C. Cocaine E. Heroin	H. Hallucinogen M. Marijuana	P. Paraphernalia/ Equipment	U. Unknown Z. Other
Charge Description KEEPING A GAMBLING HOUSE			Counts 1	Domestic Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	Statute Violation Number 849.01	Violation or ORD. #					
Drug Activity	Drug Type	Amount/Unit	Offense # 21-927	Warrant/Capias Number							
Charge Description CONDUCTING AN UNLAWFUL LOTTERY			Counts 1	Domestic Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	Statute Violation Number 849.09(1)(d)	Violation or ORD. #					
Drug Activity	Drug Type	Amount/Unit	Offense #	Warrant/Capias Number		Bond					
Charge Description AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF GAMBLING HOUSE			Counts 1	Domestic Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	Statute Violation Number 849.02	Violation or ORD. #					
Drug Activity	Drug Type	Amount/Unit	Offense #	Warrant/Capias Number		Bond					
Charge Description			Counts	Domestic Violence	Statute Violation Number	Violation or ORD. #					
Drug Activity	Drug Type	Amount/Unit	Offense #	Warrant/Capias Number		SEP 16 PM 6:32					
Location (Court, Address, Room Number)											
Court Date and Time Month Day Year Time AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/>											
I AGREE TO APPEAR AT THE ABOVE TIME AND PLACE DESIGNATED TO ANSWER THE OFFENSE CHARGED OR TO PAY THE FINE SUBSCRIBED. I UNDERSTAND THAT I SHOULD WILLFULLY FAIL TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT AS REQUIRED BY THIS NOTICE TO APPEAR, THAT I MAY BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A WARRANT FOR MY ARREST SHALL BE ISSUED.											
Signature of Defendant (or Juvenile and Parent/Custodian)				Date Signed							
HOLD for Other Agency		Signature of Arresting Officer		Name Verification (Printed by Arrestee)							
Name		Name of Arresting Officer		(PRINT)		Page					
<input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous <input type="checkbox"/> Suicidal		<input type="checkbox"/> Resisted Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Transporting Officer D/S Y-EXCEUS 31293 P850		Agency P850					
Intake Description		Transporting Officer		Agency		Page 1 of 1					

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All of the information contained in this affidavit is based on: 1) personal knowledge and observations during the course of this investigation; 2) information conveyed to (PBSO) Agent [REDACTED] by other law enforcement officials; 3) information related by expert and cooperating witnesses; 4) review of physical evidence obtained during the investigation; and 5) review of records including complaints, law enforcement reports and supplements and business and financial records.

I, Agent [REDACTED] employed by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO), assigned to the Narcotics Unit; Bulk Cash Smuggling / Money Laundering Squad. In this capacity, I was assigned follow-up investigation of PBSO Case #20-031953, involving an illegal "La Bolita" lottery being operated at "Hermes Multi-Services", located at 4595 Hypoluxo road #4, Lake Worth, FL, 33463.

Bolita is an illegal lottery style game of chance popular in the Latin and Haitian community. The game is run in a covert and underground fashion and is usually based on the daily lottery numbers drawn in New York and Florida (morning and evening draws) Cash 3 and Pick 4 games.

- The winning payouts are greater than any legally run state lottery.
- The first place winning numbers are based on the last two numbers of the Pick 3 that are drawn twice daily. The winning payout odds for a first place winner are 50-1.
- The second place numbers are based on the first two numbers of the daily Pick 4 that are drawn twice daily. The winning payout odds for a second place winner are 15-1.
- The third place numbers are based on the last two numbers of the daily Pick 4 that are drawn twice daily. The winning payout odds for a third place winner are 10-1.
- The games are played every day, twice a day just as they are played for every legal state (New York and Florida) lottery games.

On January 13, 2021, your Affiant employed by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO), assigned to the Narcotics Unit; Bulk Cash Smuggling / Money Laundering Squad. In this capacity, your Affiant was assigned follow-up investigation of PBSO Case #20-031953, involving an illegal "La Bolita" lottery being operated at "Hermes Multi-Services", located at 4595 Hypoluxo road #4, Lake Worth, FL, 33463.

Your Affiant's reasons for believing that the sale of Bolita tickets as noted below is being committed, that the premises desired to be searched is being used as stated below, and that the property is being concealed, stored, possessed, or otherwise held at/in the business desired to be searched and the facts establishing the grounds for this affidavit as well as the probable cause for believing that such facts exist are as follows:

PBSO Case no. 20-031953:

- On January 29, 2020, at or about 1821 hours, Sergeant [REDACTED], Detective [REDACTED], Deputy [REDACTED], and Detective [REDACTED], while in an undercover capacity, traveled to 4595 Hypoluxo road #4, Hermes Multi-Services, within unincorporated Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida. Deputy [REDACTED] was equipped with an audio and video recording device. Deputy [REDACTED] entered the Hermes multi-services store, which also advertises shoe repair services. At the time of entry, there were several male subjects inside the store. Deputy [REDACTED] walked to the rear of the store via a hallway, which had several closed doors. Deputy [REDACTED] made a left turn into a room located in the rear of the store, which appeared to have gambling machines. Two male subjects were inside the room at the time. Upon entering the room, which appeared to be partitioned, Deputy [REDACTED] approached a window on a wall. Deputy [REDACTED] made contact with a Hispanic male subject, believed to be Dominican Republic National Francis Gabriel Baez-Mata, who was sitting behind a counter. Deputy [REDACTED] utilizing Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) investigative funds (mg46830489g/gf94070285a), purchased a La Kenyans 029 original ticket, number 001-029-017874853, for \$10 based on Florida cash 3 numbers 724s. Deputy [REDACTED] departed the store and turned over custody of the ticket to Detective [REDACTED], which Detective [REDACTED] transported to the Palm Beach county sheriff's office district 3 substation for processing. After processing, Detective [REDACTED] placed the ticket into evidence pending case disposition.
- On March 25, 2020, Sergeant [REDACTED], Detective [REDACTED], Deputy [REDACTED] and Detective [REDACTED] while in an undercover capacity, traveled to Hermes Multi Services, located at 4595 Hypoluxo road, #4, within unincorporated Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida. At or about 1935 hours, Deputy [REDACTED] entered Hermes Multi Services, located at 4595 Hypoluxo road, #4. Deputy [REDACTED] walked to the rear of the store via a hallway and made a left turn into a room located in the rear of the location, where he made contact with a Hispanic female subject believed to be Marinas Tavarez-Estrella, who was sitting behind a counter. Deputy [REDACTED] utilizing PBSO investigative funds purchased from the subject a "La Kenyans 029 original ticket number 001-021-018905588" for \$20 based on Florida cash (3) three numbers 698. Deputy [REDACTED] turned over custody of the tickets referenced above to Detective [REDACTED] which Detective [REDACTED] transported to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District 3 Substation for processing. After processing, Detective [REDACTED] placed the tickets into evidence pending case disposition. Deputy [REDACTED] was equipped with an audio and video recording device during the above described transactions.

End of PBSO Case no. 20-031953 report.

On August 31, 2021 your Affiant and Agent [REDACTED] conducted surveillance at “Hermes Multi-Services”, located at 4595 Hypoluxo road #4, Lake Worth, FL, 33463. The Surveillance started at 9:45am and continued until 11:30am. During this time Agent(s) identified; “Hermes Multi-Services”, which is located in Suite #4, of a small strip mall, in the South-West corner of a Wal-Mart Shopping Center parking lot, on the corner of Hypoluxo Road and Military Trail, in incorporated, Palm Beach County. Among the store Hermes Multi-Services, there is a Cricket Cell Phone Store, a Barber Shop, a Bakery, a Restaurant, and a Tax Office. During the surveillance operations Agent(s) observed approximately (50) individuals drive up and park in front of Hermes Multi-Services, exit their vehicle with nothing in their hands and enter the store. Within (3) three minutes all of the individuals observed during the surveillance operation exited the establishment with nothing in their hand and re-enter their vehicles and exit the parking lot. The other stores located within the shopping plaza, to include the bakery and restaurant far less patrons enter/exiting there establishments, and the time within their businesses was much longer, approximately 15 – 30 minutes.

Through Affiant’s training and experience, your Affiant knows that a typical customer in a store stays longer than three minutes inside a place of business. Also, in Affiant’s training and experience, your Affiant knows in playing “La Bolita” lottery, a person only needs to enter an establishment approach the clerk behind the counter, stealthily pass a piece of paper, identifying the customer’s numbers he/she wishes to bet on, along with currency. The clerk in turn would enter the numbers into a computer and generate a receipt, concluding the transaction, and the customer would then exit the store.

An inquiry of the State of Florida, Division of Corporations: SUNBIZ, data base revealed that Hermes Multiservice Inc., is a for profit corporation, (FEI/EIN # 46-5639526), with a principal and mailing address of 4595 Hypoluxo Road, #4, Lake Worth, FL 33463. The Registered Agent and President of the Corporation is identified as Hermes Escobar. A search through the Florida Driver’s License database (DAVID) identified [REDACTED]

Displayed on the front window of Hermes Multi Services, located at 4595 Hypoluxo road, Suite #4, Lake Worth, FL 33463, is a sign identifying shoe repairs and alterations. An inquiry of the State of Florida, Division of Corporations: SUNBIZ, data base revealed that other companies listed under the same agent(s) name is Hermes Shoe Repair and services Corporation at 5113 Cornell Walk, Lake Worth, FL 33463, which was incorporated on March 26, 2010 but the business current statutes is INACTIVE as of September 23, 2011. Further inquiries of the SUNBIZ, data base failed to reveal any active corporations or LLCs currently Active at 4595 Hypoluxo Road, Suite #4, Lake Worth, FL 33463. Your Affiant knows from this experience that illegal lottery establishments conceal their illegal lottery business by utilizing the facade of another business as a cover, so they can operate/run the illegal lottery in a covert and underground fashion, to prevent the detection of law enforcement.

On September 8, 2021, Your Affiant's, Agent [REDACTED], Agent [REDACTED] conducted pre gambling buy/walk operation surveillance of "Hermes Multi-Services", located at 4595 Hypoluxo road #4, Lake Worth, FL, 33463. The business is an out parcel, single story commercial real estate building; located within the Walmart Super Center property at the northwest corner of the South Military Trail and Hypoluxo Road, intersection. The front door faces in an easterly direction; and the business is readily identifiable by the commercial lettering Hermes Multi Services affixed to the store front windows.

On September 8, 2021, at approximately 10:00 am your Affiant held a Gambling buy/walk Operational Briefing, at an undisclosed location within Palm Beach County, Florida. During the briefing, it was determined that D/S [REDACTED] and Agent [REDACTED] in undercover capacity (U.C), would enter the business; "Hermes Multi-Services" and attempt to purchase 'La Bolita' lottery tickets. Agent(s) were provided audio/video surveillance equipment, along with \$200.00 dollars (two hundred dollars) of investigative funds to use during the UC Operation. Your Affiant also showed the UC Agent(s) a D.A.V.I.D. photograph of suspect (Nurinsa Mercedes Tavarez Estrella), and advised them that she was observed entering the business with the use of a key at 9:36 a.m. this morning.

Shortly after the conclusion of the briefing UC Agent(s)drove to the plaza located on northwest corner of Hypoluxo and S. Military Trail and parked the undercover vehicle in front of the business on the east side of the parking lot. At 10:47 A.M., your Affiant watched UC Agent(s) enter Hermes Multi Services; your Affiant remained in position until they left the business and drove away.

At approximately 10: 50 a.m. the UC Agent(s) exited the store and returned to the de-briefing location without incident. At which time Agent [REDACTED] handed a printed receipt, a hand written piece of paper (which was later processed and entered into evidence) and the \$185.00 dollars in US Currency of investigative funds.

During the de-briefing Agent [REDACTED] stated the following events took place during the gambling UC buy/walk Operation:

D/S [REDACTED] and Agent [REDACTED] entered Hermes Multi-Services through the front door of the business. Upon entry the business Agent [REDACTED] observed an unknown black male wearing construction clothing enter the store right before D/S [REDACTED] and her. When she entered the store, she observed the following: The left side of the business appeared to be a clothing store. There were mannequins wearing female clothing and clothing racks in the store. On the right side, there was a sewing machine and black sign with the words "alterations" on the wall. There were two (2) black females sitting inside of the business. Both appeared to be employees. One

female was behind the register and was helping a clothing store customer. The other female was sitting near a sewing machine. Also note neither female asked if we needed assistance.

When Agent [REDACTED] looked ahead, she observed the unknown black male, wearing construction clothing, walking down the hallway towards, towards the rear of the store and enter an open door on the left hand side. The male did not stop to talk with either of the black female employees in front of the business. The UC Agent(s) followed the unknown black male towards the rear exit door and entered the open door labeled "3" directly after the unknown black male. Note: The rear of the store was separated from the front of the store by an open partition. There were a total of six (6) white doors in the rear of the store. The doors on the left side were labeled "1-3", door "4" was the first door closest to the exit sign on the right side and the other two doors were labeled with Spanish writing. All doors were closed except for door "3".

As the UC Agent(s) entered door "3", Agent(s) observed two (2) Hispanic females in a closed in area behind a clear plastic cashiers window located on the south wall of the room above a make shift wood counter. Within this room there is no entry door leading into the cashier's area. Through the clear plastic window Agent(s) observed an entry door located on the east side of the cashier's room, which is accessed through unknown area/room within Hermes Multi-Services. As Agent(s) approached the counter UC Agent(s) immediately recognized the cashier as TAVAREZ ESTRELLA from the D.A.V.I.D. photograph presented to them at the Operation briefing. Agent(s) also observed a white board hanging near counter where TAVAREZ ESTRELLA was sitting. The white board contained a number chart. The unknown black male, wearing construction clothing, walked to the counter where there were clean sheets of paper and pencil, he wrote something down and then handed TAVAREZ ESTRELLA his piece of paper. At this time, D/S [REDACTED] walked to the counter and attempted to ask TAVAREZ ESTRELLA if they were playing Florida numbers. TAVAREZ ESTRELLA replied, "You have to wait until I finish helping him" and then stated, "Yes, Florida."

TAVAREZ ESTRELLA's request for the UC Agent(s) to wait until she finished helping the unknown black male shows there is a structure to the business. TAVAREZ ESTRELLA implied she could only assist one customer at a time. The UC Agent(s) then walked to the counter where there were clean sheets of white paper and pens, and proceeded to write down their La Bolita Lotto number selections. D/S [REDACTED] wrote the numbers "03", "01" and "06" vertically the sheet on white paper. Agent [REDACTED] then wrote "\$5" next to each of the three numbers. Note: Writing "\$5" next to the numbers notified the cashier that they wanted to place a \$5 bet on each number.

The UC Agent(s) then walked to the cashier window where TAVAREZ ESTRELLA and the unknown H/F female were sitting within. Agent [REDACTED] handed TAVAREZ ESTRELLA the handwritten piece of paper containing our number selections and a single twenty dollar bill

(\$20.00) of US Currency derived from your affiant's PBSO Investigative Funds (SN:MG36436116G). TAVAREZ ESTRELLA took the piece of paper and the twenty dollar bill. TAVAREZ ESTRELLA then entered the numbers into a device under the counter outside of the view of the UC Agent(s) and afterwards, TAVAREZ ESTRELLA handed Agent [REDACTED] a printed receipt with the words "Original" in capital letters. The top of the receipt read "La Konfyans 029" and the ticket number "LKN-021-000075624", the date "09/08/21", the time "10:49 AM", barcode "137774933342" and then the words "Florida AM:15.00" underneath. Below were the numbers UC Agent(s) selected "03, "06" and "01" with the "15.00 total". Below the total were the winning incentive amounts. The bottom of the receipt read the following: WE DON'T PAY DOUBLE PALE. NO TICKET NO MONEY".

It is note-worthy to mention that TAVAREZ ESTRELLA did not ask any questions when Agent [REDACTED] handed her the hand written paper containing number selections and the US Currency. TAVAREZ ESTRELLA immediately entered the numbers into a system, put the twenty dollar bill into a cash box and handed Agent [REDACTED] the printed receipt, the original hand written note, and \$5.00 change. (Note: the incident was recorded via audio and video)

At the conclusion of the transaction the UC Agent(s) exited the store and returned to the de-briefing location without incident.

On September 15, 2021, at approximately 11:30 pm I held a Gambling buy/walk Operational Briefing, at an undisclosed location within Palm Beach County, Florida. During the briefing, it was determined that Agent [REDACTED] in undercover capacity (U.C), would enter the business; "Hermes Multi-Services" and attempt to purchase 'La Bolita' lottery tickets. Agent(s) were provided audio/video surveillance equipment, along with \$20.00 dollars (MB75716446I) (twenty dollars) of investigative funds to use during the UC Operation.

Shortly after the conclusion of the briefing UC Agent(s)drove to the plaza located on northwest corner of Hypoluxo and S. Military Trail and parked the undercover vehicle in front of the business on the east side of the parking lot. At 12:01 pm., your affiant watched the UC Agent enter Hermes Multi Services; your affiant remained in position until they left the business and drove away.

At approximately 12:06 a.m. the UC Agent(s) exited the store and returned to the de-briefing location without incident. At which time Agent [REDACTED] handed a printed receipt, a hand written piece of paper (which was later processed and entered into evidence), \$350.00 dollars (UC advised was winnings earned from the lottery numbers played in UC buy/walk on 9/8/2021) and the \$5.00 dollars in US Currency of investigative funds.

During the de-briefing Agent [REDACTED] stated the following events took place during the gambling UC buy/walk Operation:

Agent [REDACTED] entered Hermes Multi-Services through the front door of the business. When the UC Agent(s) entered door "3", Agent [REDACTED] observed one (1) Hispanic females in a closed in area behind a clear plastic cashiers window located on the south wall of the room above a make shift wood counter. Within this room there is no entry door leading into the cashier's area. Through the clear plastic window Agent [REDACTED] observed an entry door located on the east side of the cashier's room, which is accessed through unknown area/room within Hermes Multi-Services. As Agent [REDACTED] approached the counter Agent [REDACTED] immediately recognized the cashier as TAVAREZ ESTRELLA from the from the previous buy/walk operation conducted on 9/8/2021.

UC Agent [REDACTED] then walked to the counter and handed white sheet of paper with the numbers "03", "01" and "06" vertically the sheet on it. On the piece of paper was "\$5" next to each of the three numbers. Note: Writing "\$5" next to the numbers notified the cashier that they wanted to place a \$5 bet on each number. Agent [REDACTED] handed TAVAREZ ESTRELLA the handwritten piece of paper containing our number selections and a single twenty dollar bill (\$20.00) of US Currency derived from Agent [REDACTED] PBSO Investigative Funds (SN: MB75716446I). TAVAREZ ESTRELLA took the piece of paper and the twenty dollar bill. TAVAREZ ESTRELLA then entered the numbers into a device under the counter outside of the view of the UC Agent(s) and afterwards, TAVAREZ ESTRELLA handed Agent [REDACTED] a printed receipt with the words "Original" in capital letters. The top of the receipt read "La Konfyans 029" and the ticket number "LKN-021-000077095", the date "09/015/21", the time "12:06 pm", barcode "525393910066" and then the words "Florida AM:15.00" underneath. Below were the numbers UC Agent [REDACTED] selected "03", "06" and "01" with the "\$15.00 total". Below the total were the winning incentive amounts. The bottom of the receipt read the following: WE DON'T PAY DOUBLE PALE. NO TICKET NO MONEY".

TAVAREZ ESTRELLA immediately entered the numbers into a system, put the twenty dollar bill into a cash box and handed Agent [REDACTED] the printed receipt, the original hand written note, and \$5.00 change. Afterwards, Agent [REDACTED] handed the Bolita Lottery ticket, (ticket # "LKN-021-000075624", the date "09/08/21", the time "10:49 AM", barcode "137774933342), which was purchased on buy/walk 9/8/2021, to TAVAREZ ESTRELLA and requested she check to see if it was a winning lottery ticket. At which time TAVAREZ ESTRELLA verified the lottery ticket with and unknown electronic device out of view of Agent [REDACTED]. Afterwards, TAVAREZ ESTRELLA counted out \$350.00 (three hundred and fifty dollars) from and handed it to UC Agent [REDACTED]. TAVAREZ ESTRELLA kept the winning lottery ticket. (Note: the incident was recorded via audio and video)

At the conclusion of the transaction the UC Agent [REDACTED] exited the store and returned to the de-briefing location without incident.

All audio/video evidence to include the La Bolita Loot ticket and white sheet of paper has been entered into the PBSO evidence under this case number.

Your Affiant knows from this experience that illegal lottery establishments conceal their illegal lottery business by utilizing the facade of another business as a cover, so they can operate/run the illegal lottery in a covert and underground fashion, to prevent the detection of law enforcement. Based on the large volume of business and foot traffic perpetrated by the sale of La Bolita lottery tickets from within the store, there is probable cause to believe the all person(s) working within the establishment knows or should know of the illegal lottery taking place and is complacent with the sale of illegal La Bolita lottery tickets sold within the establishment.

On Wednesday, September 15th, 2021, at approximately 14:00 hours, Agent [REDACTED] (PBSO ID [REDACTED]) assisted the Palm Beach County sheriff's office narcotics unit with executing a search warrant at Hermes Express Multiservice located at 4595 Hypoluxo Road Suite # 4, In reference to violation of Florida State Statute 849.09(1a)(b)(c)(d) conducting an illegal lottery.

During the execution of the search warrant, Agent [REDACTED] contacted a female Identified as Mercedes Estrella (TAVAREZ ESTRELLA), who was located inside a partitioned room inside the business. Inside the room, Agent [REDACTED] observed a large amount of U.S currency, laptop computers, surveillance camera screens, and Bolita style lottery tickets in plain view. After a security sweep of the business was completed, Agent [REDACTED] was tasked by Lead Agent [REDACTED] with interviewing Hermes Escobar, the registered business owner of Hermes Multiservice Inc.

Post Miranda Escobar stated the following; he has been the owner of Hermes Express Multiservice for approximately seven years. His primary business is shoe repair and clothing alterations, but he also has two separate businesses that rent spaces from him inside different partitioned rooms. Escobar explained that one of the businesses is operated by Mercedes Estrella (TAVAREZ ESTRELLA), and she is currently paying him 3,325 dollars per month in cash for rent. Escobar explained that she has been operating her business (La Bolita) in that space for approximately six years. Escobar advised the business sells La Bolita lottery tickets and does money wiring. Agent [REDACTED] asked Escobar if he understood that the sale of lottery tickets was unlawful, and he stated he was unsure and believed that she had proper licensing.

Hermes Omar Escobar did act as servant, clerk, agent, or employee of any person in the keeping, exercising or maintaining of a gaming table or room, or gaming implements or apparatus, or house, booth, tent, shelter or other place for the purpose of gaming or gambling or did act as servant, clerk, agent, or employee of any person in any place of which that person may directly or indirectly have charge, control or management, either exclusively or with others, procure, suffer or permit any person to play for money or other valuable thing at any game whatever.

whether heretofore prohibited or not, contrary to Florida Statute 849.02. (3 DEG FEL)(LEVEL 1)

Hermes Omar Escobar did by himself/herself, his/her servant, clerk or agent, or in any other manner, keep, exercise or maintain a gaming table or room, or gaming implements or apparatus, or house, booth, tent, shelter or other place for the purpose of gaming or gambling or did in any place of which he/she may directly or indirectly have charge, control or management, either exclusively or with others, procure, suffer or permit any person to play for money or other valuable thing at any game whatever, whether heretofore prohibited or not, contrary to Florida Statute 849.01. (2 DEG MISD)

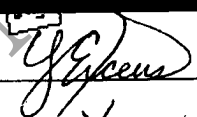
Hermes Omar Escobar did set up, promote, or conduct any lottery for money or for anything of value; or did dispose of any money or other property of any kind whatsoever by means of any lottery; or did conduct any lottery drawing for the distribution of a prize or prizes by lot or chance, or advertise any such lottery scheme or device in any newspaper or by circulars, posters, pamphlets, radio, telegraph, telephone, or otherwise; or did aid or assist in the setting up, promoting, or conducting of any lottery or lottery drawing, whether by writing, printing, or in any other manner or be interested in or connected in any way with any lottery or lottery drawing, contrary to Florida Statutes 849.09(1)(a),(b),(c) and (d). (3 DEG FEL) (LEVEL 1)

Based on the above information I (Agent [redacted]) submitted this affidavit to the fifteenth Judicial Court, Office of the State Attorney requesting a warrant be issued for the above felony charges


Agent [redacted]
(AFFIANT)

State of Florida
County of Palm Beach

The foregoing instrument was sworn to or affirmed before me this 15th day of September 2021, by Agt. [redacted] who is personally known to me.



D/S Yanick Exlens 31293

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



PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Florida State Statute Exemption Sheet

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office – Arrests Only

	X	Florida State Statute	Description	Page Number(s)
L/E Exemptions	<input type="checkbox"/>	119.071(2)(d)	Surveillance techniques, procedures and personnel; inventory of law enforcement resources, policies or plans pertaining to mobilization deployment or tactical operations.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	943.053, 943.0525	NCIC/FCIC/FBI and in-state FDLE/DOC.	6
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	119.071(4)(c)	Undercover personnel.	1-2,4,6-12
	<input type="checkbox"/>	119.071(2)(f)	Confidential informants (CIs).	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	119.071(2)(e)	Confession.	
Public Info. Exemptions	<input type="checkbox"/>	985.04(1)	Juvenile offender records.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	119.071(h)(i)	Assets of a crime victim.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	395.3025(7)(a), 456.057(7)(a)	Medical information.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	394.4615(7)	Mental health information.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	119.071(4)(d)(2)(a)	Home address, telephone, Social Security number, date of birth, or photos of active/former LE personnel, spouses, and children.	
Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.420 (Rule of 23)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(iii) 119.0714(1)(i)-(j), 2)(a)-(e)	Social Security, bank account, charge, debit, and credit card numbers.	2
	<input type="checkbox"/>	(viii) 394.4615(7)	Clinical records under the Baker Act.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	(xii) 741.30(3)(b)	The victim's address in a domestic violence action on petitioner's request.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	(xiii) 119.071(2)(h), 119.0714(1)(h)	Protected information regarding victims of child abuse or sexual offenses.	
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