Rough Arrest Only

ARREST / NOTICE TO APPEAR
Juvenile Referral Report

1. Arrest 3. Request for Warrant 2. N.T.A. 4. Request for Capias: **3**

Juvenile

ADMINISTRATION

OBTS Number	Agency ORI Number	Agency Name	Agency Report Number
	FL0500000	PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	06- 21-1187

Charge Type: Check as many as apply. ☒ 1. Felony ☐ 2. Traffic Felony ☒ 3. Misdemeanor ☐ 4. Traffic Misdemeanor ☐ 5. Ordinance ☐ 6. Other

Weapon Seized/Type 1. Yes 2. No

Multiple Clearance Indicator

Location of Arrest (Including Name of Business):

Location of Offense (Business Name, Address): Crowne Arcade / 8890-A Lawrence Road, Boynton Beach, FL

Date of Arrest	Time of Arrest	Booking Date	Booking Time	Jail Date	Jail Time	Location of Vehicle

DEFENDANT

Name (Last, First, Middle): Magnone, Antonio

Alias (Name, DOB, Soc. Sec. #, Etc.):

Race (W - White, B - Black, I - American Indian, O - Oriental/Asian)	Sex	Date of Birth	Height	Weight	Eye Color	Hair Color	Complexion	Build
W	M	09/06/1986	6'2	215	Brn	Brn	Light	Med

Scars, Marks, Tattoos, Unique Physical Features (Location, Type, Description): Unknown

Marital Status: Unk

Religion: Unk

Indication of: Y N Unk. Alcohol Influence ☐ ☒ ☐ Drug Influence ☐ ☒ ☐

Local Address (Street, Apt. Number)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Phone
1704 Oregon Avenue	Steubenville	OH	43952	( )

Residence Type: 1. City 2. County 3. Florida 4. Out of State: **4**

Permanent Address (Street, Apt. Number)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Phone
- SAME AS ABOVE -				( )

Address Source: FL / DL

Business Address (Street, Apt. Number)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Phone
				( )

Occupation: Arcade Owner

D/L Number, State	Soc. Sec. Number	INS Number	Place of Birth	Citizenship
	[redacted]		OHIO	USA

CO-DEF

Co-Defendant Name (Last, First, Middle)	Race	Sex	Date of Birth	Status
Margadonna, Marquita	W	F	12/14/1955	☒ 1. Arrested ☐ 2. At Large ☒ 3. Felony ☒ 4. Misdemeanor ☐ 5. Juvenile
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JUVENILE

☐ Parent ☐ Legal Custodian ☐ Othe — Name (Last) (First) (Middle) — Residence Phone

Address (Street, Apt. Number) (City) (State) (Zip) — Business Phone

Notified by: (Name) — Date — Time

Juvenile Disposition: 1. Handled/Processed within Dept. and Released 2. TOT HRS/CYF 3. Incarcerated

Released To: (Name) — Relationship — FCIC/NCIC — Date — Time

The above address was provided by defendant and/or defendant's parents. The child and/or parent was told to keep the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office informed of any change of address:

☐ Yes, by: (Name) ☐ No: (Reason)

School Attended — Grade

CODE

Recovery Information: 0. N/A 1. Voluntary 2. Located Not Returned 3. Hospitalized 4. HRS Custody 5. Law Enforcement Custody 6. Returned to Parent 7. Deceased 8. Other

Drug Activity: N. N/A P. Possess S. Sell B. Buy T. Traffic R. Smuggle D. Deliver E. Use K. Dispense/ Distribute M. Manufacture Produce/ Cultivate Z. Other

Drug Type: N. N/A A. Amphetamine B. Barbituate C. Cocaine E. Heroin H. Hallucinogen M. Marijuana O. Opium/Deriv. P. Paraphernalia/ Equipment S. Synthetic U. Unknown Z. Other

CHARGE

Charge Description	Counts	Domestic Violence	Statute Violation Number	Violation of ORD #
MONEY LAUNDERING (Over $100k)	1	☐ Yes ☒ No	896.101 (3) & (5c)	
KEEPING A GAMBLING HOUSE	1	☐ Yes ☒ No	849.01	
AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF GAMBLING HOUSE	1	☐ Yes ☒ No	849.02	
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A SLOT MACHINE DEVICES	30	☐ Yes ☒ No	849.15	

Drug Activity	Drug Type	Amount/Unit	Offense #	Warrant/Capias Number	Bond
N	N		21-1187		
N	N		21-1187		
N	N		21-1187		
N	N		21-1187		

NOTICE TO APPEAR

☐ Instruction No. 1 Mandatory Appearance in Court

☐ Instruction No. 2 You need not appear in Court but must Comply with instructions on reverse side.

Location (Court, Room Number, Address)

Court Date and Time: Month Day Year Time A.M. P.M.

I AGREE TO APPEAR AT THE TIME AND PLACE DESIGNATED TO ANSWER THE OFFENSE CHARGED OR TO PAY THE FINE SUBSCRIBED. I UNDERSTAND THAT SHOULD I 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

ADMIN

HOLD for other Agency Name:

☐ Dangerous ☐ Resisted Arrest ☐ Suicidal ☐ Other:

Signature of Arresting Officer X

Name of Arresting Officer (Print): Agent Michael Leatherman — I.D. #: 8299

Name Verification (Printed by Arrestee) (PRINT)

Intake Deputy — I.D. # — Pouch # — Transporting Officer — I.D. # — Agency

Witness here is subject signed with an "X".

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DISTRIBUTION: 1st WHITE - COURT 2nd WHITE - RECORDS GREEN - STATE ATTY. YELLOW - CID PINK - JAIL (Rough Arrest) GOLD - DEFENDANT (Misd.) or BLOTTER (Felony)

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PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

OBTS

Charge Type **[3]** 1. Arrest 3. Request for Warrant Juvenile **[NO]**
2. N.T.A. 4. Request for Capias

Agency ORI Number **FL0500000** Agency Report **21-1187**

Charge Type: **[X]** Felony **[X]** Misdemeanor [ ] Ordinance
[ ] Traffic Felony [ ] Traffic Misdemeanor [ ] Other

Special Notes:

Defendant: **Magnone, Antonio**

Alias: Race: **White** Sex: **Male** DOB: **09/061986**

Charge(s):

- **MONEY LAUNDERING (Over $100k) (1 Cnt) F.S.S. 896.101(3) & (5)(c)**
- **KEEPING A GAMBLING HOUSE (1 Cnt) F.S.S. 849.01**
- **AGENT/EMPLOYEE OF GAMBLING HOUSE (1 Cnt) F.S.S. 849.02**
- **UNLAWFUL POSS. SLOT MACHINE (30 Cnt) F.S.S. 849.15**

Victim: **State of Florida**
Local Address:
Local Phone Occupation:
Business Address:
Business Phone Occupation:

☐ Marcy's Law CI FL.Const. Art.1 §16(b)

NARRATIVE:

The undersigned certifies and swears that he 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.

[ ] confessed to ____________________________ admitting to the above facts.

[ ] was observed by _______________ who told ______________ that he/she saw the arrested person commit the below acts.

[x] was found to have committed the below acts, resulting from my (described) investigation.

On November 8, 2021, your affiant (Agent Michael Leatherman ID # 8299) employed by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO), assigned to the Narcotics Unit, and received a complaint alleging illegal gambling operation being conducted at the Crowne Arcade located at 8890 Lawrence Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33436.

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 Michael Leatherman 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.

Through your affiant's training and experience your affiant knows that an Adult Arcade is defined as a facility which houses gaming machines which have elements of luck and sometimes, elements of skill which award points which may be converted to prizes and gift certificates. Florida explicitly prohibits skill-based slots that pay out cash or other things of value. Florida Statute § 849.16 defines slot machine as "any machine or device . . . [that] may be operated and if the user, whether by application of skill or by reason of any element of chance or any other outcome unpredictable by the user, may: (a) Receive or become entitled to receive any piece of money, credit, allowance, or thing of value."

Undercover operations revealed the Crowne Arcade is engaged in Las Vegas style video slot machines for cash prizes and are currently to date operating as illegal gambling houses contrary to Florida Statute §849.01.

PREDICATE INCIDENT ONE:

On Thursday January 20, 2022, 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 Agent L. Murray and your affiant, in undercover capacity (U.C), would enter the business; "Crowne Arcade" located at 8890-A Lawrence Rd, Boynton Beach, FL 33436. Agent(s) were provided audio/video surveillance equipment, along with $100.00 dollars (one hundred dollars) of investigative funds each, to use during the UC Operation.

Shortly after the conclusion of the briefing UC Agent(s) drove to the 8890-A Lawrence Rd, Boynton Beach, Florida. Upon entering the establishment, your affiant observed a large open floor plan consisting of with lines of video slot machines, which are known to me as games of chance through my training and experience of previously working these types of investigations. Just inside the door of the establishment your affiant located what is known to your affiant as the cashier area which was comprised of a desk where a white male who identified himself as Vinnie was located. Through investigative means your affiant positively identified the cashier as w/m Edvin Tomini, (DOB: 4-9-1976) (FL/DL # T550-200-76-129-0).

Your affiant explained to Tomini that it was our first day playing at this establishment. Tomini explained to me about the different styles of machines contained within the establishment all machines were cash in and cash out machines. Tomini explained that the winnings or remaining money from the gaming machines would print a ticket at the cashier office and he would give us cash for whole dollar amounts.

Your affiant asked Tomini if the Arcade has "Match Play" and he advised: Yes, there is "Match Play" or "Free Play" for $10" on all Arcade Machines located within the establishment. Through my training and experience your affiant knows that "Match Play" or sometimes referred to as "Free Play" is a gambling term where the "house" (gambling establishment) matches a percentage of your bet or in this case provides an additional $10.00 into a slot machine when a patron bets $10.00.

Note: Tapped to the cashier's window your affiant observed two signs. One sign read; Everyday our $10 for your $10 (once daily). Friday and Saturday nights 6:00pm. The other sign read: Please sign our guest book, which Tomini directed us to sign our names.

Your affiant proceeded to machine which was identified by a printed number as machine # 19, which is located along the North (left) wall of the establishment. Your affiant inserted $10.00 of US Currency derived from investigative funds and $10.00 dollars of house money provided to your affiant by Tomini into the bill feeder, which immediately activated the machine showing a current balance of $20.00. This machine was a video simulated Reel Style Slot Machine. Your affiant engaged in this machine for several minutes where your affiant observed each spin required no skill from the user but instead relied upon chance or luck as to whether money was gained or lost. At the conclusion of game play, your affiant initiated the cash out procedure where a ticket was printed. The ticket indicated "CROWNE ARCADE CASHOUT VOUCHER" in bold letters on the top with a barcode across the bottom which indicated the time, date and Validation sequence of numbers along with the cash out amount which indicated "$24.20".

Note: From this gaming machine your affiant won $4.00 dollars.

Your affiant proceeded to machine which wasn't identified by a printed number and had "Black & White Wild Jackpot" printed on the game screen. The machine is located within an open room located in the rear of the establishment. Your affiant inserted $10.00 of US Currency derived from investigative funds and $10.00 dollars of house money provided to me by Tomini into the bill feeder, which immediately activated the machine showing a current balance of $20.00. This machine was a video simulated Reel Style Slot Machine. Your affiant engaged in this machine for several minutes where your affiant observed each spin required no skill from the user but instead relied upon chance or luck as to whether money was gained or lost. At the conclusion of game play, your affiant initiated the cash out procedure where a ticket was printed. The ticket was different from the previous tickets obtained by not only size but information written. The ticket indicated "CASHOUT VOUCHER" in bold letters on the top with a barcode across the bottom which indicated the time, date and Validation sequence of numbers along with the cash out amount which indicated "$23.00".

Note: From this gaming machine your affiant won $3.00 dollars.

In speaking with Tomini, your affiant asked him how long has he worked at this Arcade and replied a year and a half. Your affiant also asked him what is the max a person could win playing the gaming machines, he directed your affiant towards several machines located along the north wall, identified as Fire Link games. On the screen of the machines all read over "Mega $10,000.00" and Tomini explained that your affiant could win $10,000.00 US Dollars on these machines. In asking Tomini for clarification, your affiant asked him pacifically if your affiant hit a jackpot of $10,000.00 dollars then your affiant would be paid $10,000.00 dollars and walk out of the store with it. Tomini responded by saying; "Yes".

Agent Murray then cashed out her vouchers (see Agent Murray's supplement report) and we exited the establishment and proceeded to a de-briefing location. While at the de-briefing location your affiant counted all the currency in my possession and identified that your affiant had $100.00 dollars of investigative funds from the start of the UC gaming operation, plus $7.00 dollars. The $7.00 dollars was entered into evidence under this case number along with a picture of the "CROWNEE ARCADE CASHOUT VOUCHER" obtained from the Firelink gaming machine #19.

PREDICATE INCIDENT TWO:

On Thursday January 20, 2022, PBSO Agent Lisa Murray #6219, attended a Gambling buy/walk Operational Briefing, at an undisclosed location within Palm Beach County, Florida. During the briefing, it was determined that your affiant and Agent Murray, in undercover capacity (U.C), would enter the business; "Crowne Arcade" located at 8890-A Lawrence Rd, Boynton Beach, FL 33436. Agent Murray was provided audio/video surveillance equipment, along with $100.00 dollars (one hundred dollars) of investigative funds, which Agent Murray had from the previous UC operation from your affiant.

Agent Murray drove to Crowne Arcade located at 8890-A Lawrence Rd, Boynton Beach, Florida. As Agent Murray approached the Crowne Arcade Agent Murray noticed two front doors to the establishment. Your affiant and Agent Murray entered the door to the right.

Upon entering the establishment, Agent Murray observed an open floor plan consisting of video slot machines, which are known to me as games of chance through my training and experience of previously working these types of investigations. Just inside the door, to the right of the establishment was the cashier area which was comprised of a desk where a white male who identified himself as Vinnie was located.

Vinnie asked the UC Agents to sign in and Agent Murray noticed a sign on the counter stating that is was $10 for $10 "match play"

Agent Murray proceeded to machine which was identified by a printed number as machine # 17. Agent Murray inserted $10.00 of US Currency derived from investigative funds and $10.00 dollars of "house money" provided to me by Vinnie into the bill feeder, which immediately activated the machine showing a current balance of $20.00. This machine was a video simulated Las Vegas Style Slot Machine. Agent Murray engaged in this machine for several minutes where Agent Murray observed each spin required no skill from the user but instead relied upon chance or luck as to whether money was gained or lost. At the conclusion of game play, Agent Murray initiated the cash out procedure where a ticket was printed. Agent Murray brought the ticket to Vinnie where he handed me $19 in United States Currency.

Note: From this gaming machine Agent Murray won $9.00 dollars (which was the "house money")

After cashing out my winnings Vinnie engaged in conversation with us and told us about "big money" machines that could pay out $10,000.00 dollars right there on the spot.

Your affiant and Agent Murray exited the establishment and proceeded to a de-briefing location. While at the de-briefing location Agent Murray returned to your affiant $100 of investigative funds your affiant provided Agent Murray along with the $9.00 in United States Currency that Agent Murray "won" while gambling at Crowne Arcade. Agent Murray also downloaded the audio/video recording from this operation and turned it over to your affiant. Please refer to the audio/video recording for complete detail of this operation.

PREDICATE INCIDENT THREE:

On Tuesday March 22, 2022, PBSO Agent Lisa Murray #6219, attended a Gambling buy/walk Operational Briefing, at an undisclosed location within Palm Beach County, Florida. During the briefing, it was determined that Agent Murray, in undercover capacity (U.C), would enter the business; "Crowne Arcade" located at 8890-A Lawrence Rd, Boynton Beach, FL 33436. Agent Murray was provided audio/video surveillance equipment, along with $80.00 dollars (eighty dollars) of investigative funds which was provided to Agent Murray by your affiant. It should be noted that on January 20, 2022 Agent Murray assisted in an undercover capacity at Crowne Arcade investigating an illegal gambling operation.

Agent Murray drove to Crowne Arcade located at 8890-A Lawrence Rd, Boynton Beach, Florida. As your affiant approached the Crowne Arcade your affiant noticed two front doors to the establishment. Agent Murray entered the, unlocked, door to the right.

Upon entering the establishment, Agent Murray observed an open floor plan consisting of video slot machines, which are known to Agent Murray as games of chance through my training and experience of previously working these types of investigations. The layout was consistent to the layout from the operation that was conducted on 01-20-2022. Just inside the door, to the right of the establishment was the cashier area however no one was behind the desk at this time. Agent Murray signed in at the front desk then walked around the establishment for several minutes until a white male holding a very large amount of United States Currency in his hands enters the room from a side door to the right rear inside this establishment (door is marked "employees") and walks over to Agent Murray. Agent Murray recognize this individual as the same male Agent

Murray met during our undercover operation on 01/20/2022 who he identified himself to Agent Murray as "Vinnie".

Agent Murray immediately identified Vinnie as Edvin Tomini DOB 04-09-1976 by his Florida's Driver's License. Vinnie greets Agent Murray and tells Agent Murray that the daily special is 10 for 10. By Agent Murray's training and experience this is known to Agent Murray as "Match Play" where the customer gambles $10 of their money and the house provides $10 of house money. Vinnie advises Agent Murray to find a machine and he will meet Agent Murray at the machine. While Agent Murray was looking for a gaming machine to play Agent Murray saw a tall, thin lady with short hair exit the same door Vinnie came out of and stand at the counter. Later, Agent Murray identified this woman as Marquita Margadonna DOB 12-14-1955 by her Florida Driver's License.

Agent Murray sat at machine #43, Vinnie advises Agent Murray that all their machines "Only accept cash and not vouchers". Agent Murray start to put two five dollar bills into the machine but the first one would not go into the machine so Vinnie takes the money from Agent Murray and inserts both of my five dollar bills and then inserts one ten dollar bill from the house money. The machine Agent Murray chose to play has multiple games on it, Agent Murray chose the game "Triple Sevens". The object of the game is to hit the play button and the wheels start spinning then one has to hit the stop button and the wheels line up with different objects on them, if you get a match you win. This game appears to have no skill involved and is a game of pure chance. Agent Murray played this game for several minutes. While doing so it appears that Marquita and "Vinnie" go outside the establishment for several minutes. Agent Murray switched the game to "Super Double Up", still on machine #43. Marquita and Vinnie return inside the arcade and both walk by Agent Murray, while doing so, Marquita smiles at Agent Murray and said "Hi". This is where Agent Murray got a good look at her face and was able to positively identify. Marquita enters the back room where Agent Murray sees her open the refrigerator. Vinnie and Agent Murray make small talk and then he entered the back room. Agent Murray hit the "Cash-Out Voucher" button, which said Agent Murray has $14 in cash coming back to her.

Agent Murray was going to play a different machine but needed to wait to get to "Cashed Out". While waiting, Agent Murray started chatting with a female patron that just walked in, she wanted assistance so she knocked on the door where "Vinnie" and Marquita were and Vinnie came out to assist her.

At this point Agent Murray decide to no longer "gamble" and walk up to Vinnie and cash-out. Agent Murray handed Vinnie her cash-out voucher. He proceeded to tell Agent Murray he works doubles and the busiest days at the arcade are Fridays and Saturdays. The most he has paid out is $12,000. Vinnie then handed Agent Murray $14 in United States Currency.

Note: From the gaming machine Agent Murray won $4.00 (which was the "house money")

Agent Murray exited the establishment and proceeded to a de-briefing location. While at the de-briefing location Agent Murray returned to your affiant $80 of investigative funds he provided Agent Murray along with the $4.00 in United States Currency that Agent Murray "won" while gambling at Crowne Arcade. Agent Murray also downloaded the audio/video recording from this operation and turned it over to your affiant. Please refer to the audio/video recording for complete detail of this operation.

PREDICATE INCIDENT FOUR:

On Tuesday, May 24, 2022, Agent Bloeser (ID#1154) met with PBSO your affiant, Sgt. Myers, and Agent Murray, for a pre-operational briefing related to illegal gambling occurring at Crowne Arcade 8890 – A, Lawrence Road, Boynton Beach, Florida. Agent Bloeser's role was to enter the arcade and attempt to gamble; and determine if the illegal act was still occurring. Your affiant provided Agent Bloeser with $140.00 in United States currency that he said was obtained from the Sheriff's investigative fund account.

At 1:39 p.m., Agent Bloeser entered the arcade and was immediately greeted by a Caucasian, female, in her thirties; she advised Agent Bloeser that he needed to sign in; there was a spiral notebook positioned on the counter top for this purpose. She asked "hey man, are you going to do the 10 for 10 match play?" She greets Agent Bloeser and asked Agent Bloeser if he was gonna play the daily special 10 for 10. By Agent Bloeser's training and experience this is known to Agent Bloeser as "Match Play" where the customer gambles $10 of their money and the house provides $10 of house money. During this conversation the employee subsequently identified herself to Agent Bloeser as "Heather."

Agent Bloeser observed an open floor plan with a separate adjoining room; positioned along the walls were multiple electronic gambling devices known to Agent Bloeser as " Las Vegas style slot machines; they were emitting a variety of sounds and flashing lights; and displayed a video screen with an assortment of symbols that rotated and stopped intermittently. These "slot machines" are similar to the "slot machines" Agent Bloeser has encountered in game arcades located throughout Palm Beach County.

Agent Bloeser selected a slot machine marked # 19, titled "ULTIMATE FIRE LINK." Heather walked to where Agent Bloeser was seated and inserted a United States $10.00 dollar bill into the bill acceptor/ validator; this is an electromechanical device that reads the bill denomination and activates the slot machine. Agent Bloeser followed Heather's cue and inserted a $10.00 bill, derived from investigative funds. Using the bet selector Agent Bloeser placed his bets and placed multiple bets until losing the $20.00. Agent Bloeser then selected a different Las Vegas style gaming machine, marked # 7, "MULTI GAME;" and inserted a $10.00 bill, derived from investigative funds. Agent Bloeser subsequently placed multiple bets, losing the $10.00 dollars. Agent Bloeser took a pause in gambling and left the arcade at 2:00 p.m., to confer with Agent Leatherman.

At 2:29 p.m., Agent Bloeser re-entered the Crowne Arcade to continue gambling. Agent Bloeser selected arcade machine #15, identified as "Firelink" and inserted a U.S., $50.00 bill. At 2:46 p.m., after placing multiple bets and losing Agent Bloeser "cashed out" by pushing the button marked "cash out"; and received a printed Crowne Arcade "CASH OUT VOUCHER" for $40.70. Agent Bloeser moved to a different Las Vegas style gaming and selected an arcade slot machine marked #6 and inserted a $50.00 bill; after placing multiple bets Agent Bloeser played until losing $30.00 and then cashed out by pushing the button marked "cash out;" in return Agent Bloeser received a printed Crowne Arcade "CASH OUT" voucher for $20.00. Agent Bloeser walked to the customer service counter and informed Heather, he wanted to "cash out." Heather reached underneath the counter and retrieved $60.00 in United States paper bills; she systematically counted out $60.00 in currency. The rule in adult game arcades is the arcade retains any amount of money less than $1.00; and therefore she gave Agent Bloeser $70.
At 2:45 p.m., Agent Bloeser left the arcade and met with your affiant returning the remainder of the investigative funds totaling $80.00.

My aforementioned activity was captured by means of a digital media recording device; it was downloaded and preserved as evidence.

FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

Through investigative resources your affiant obtained a Broward County Sheriff's Office Crime Report # 90-1808-003821), which documents that on March 18, 2021, Vincenzo P. Magnone (DOB: 3-23-1984) was served with a lawfully obtained search warrant for the Crowne Arcade - 8890 Lawrence Rd. Boynton Beach, Fl. 33436 and his residence located at 9899 Coronado Lake Drive, Boynton Beach, FL 33436. Document s obtained from the Broward County Sheriff's Office also documents that Vincenzo Magnone was arrested for Bookmaking, Conspiracy to commit Bookmaking, Use of a 2-way communication device to facilitate a Felony and Keeping a Gambling House. Vincenzo Magnone plead guilty and was sentenced to five years of probation.

Within the Broward County Sheriff's Office (BSO) Crime Report # 90-1808-003821, it is documented that during the course of Broward County Sheriff's Office undercover operations, Vincenzo Magnone divulged to Broward County Sheriff's Detective Venezia, that he has utilized the illegal proceeds derived from the bookmaking operation to invest in multiple business ventures, which included arcades, located in Palm Beach County. Vincenzo Magnone further revealed that these arcades house casino style slot machines, which accept and pay out cash. Having knowledge this unlicensed casino is not operating legally in Palm Beach County, Vincenzo Magnone operates it under the rouse of an "Entertainment Only" establishment, which houses games of skill, not games of chance. Vincenzo Magnone has utilized Crowne Arcade located at 8890 Lawrence Rd. Boynton Beach, Fl. 33436 on multiple occasions to meet with Broward County Sheriff's Detective Venezia to pay and collect money won and lost through his illegal bookmaking operation. During one such meeting Vincenzo Magnone advised Detective Venezia that the machines at Crowne Arcade are worth an estimated $200,000 and the location creates a positive cash flow. The Broward County Sheriff's Office established probable cause that the Crowne Arcade is owned and operated by Vincenzo Magnone and the location is utilized to facilitate illegal bookmaking and gambling operations, while providing the guise of a legitimate business.

** Let it be noted that Marquita Margadonna is the manager of the Crowne Arcade and was present during the March 2021 search warrant and arrest operation, BSO Crime Report # 90-1808-003821. Per BSO Marquita Margadonna was aware of Magnone's illegal bookmaking and gambling operations and would facilitate it by utilizing the arcade to conduct pay/collect meetings, store cash filled envelopes for bookmaking customers and run the day to day operations of the illegal casino that is present within the arcade.

**Note: During Undercover Operations conducted by PBSO, Agent(s) have verified that there are over 30 (thirty) operational Las Vegas style Slot Machines within the Arcade.

An inquiry of the State of Florida, Division of Corporations: SUNBIZ, data base revealed that CROWNEE ARCADE LLC, was established on August 22, 2019 and is a for-profit Limited Liability Company (LLC), (FEI/EIN # L19000215291), with a principal and mailing address of 8890 Lawrence Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33436. The Registered Agent of the Limited Liability Company is identified as Vincenzo Magnone of 9899 Coronado Lake Drive, Boynton Beach, FL 33436. Through investigative means, an Ohio Driver License (# TK822978) was discovered for w/m Vincenzo P. Magnone (DOB: 03-23-1984).

A Search of the Palm Beach County Tax Collector database documented that the Palm Beach County Business Tax (License # 20201244383) for Florida Crowne Arcade LLC, located at 8890 Lawrence Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33436 is listed as an Amusement Vending Machine Operator (71-011) and has actively held a Tax Certificate since November 14, 2019. A copy of the Tax Payment(s) for the Florida Crowne Arcade LLC was obtained and documented the following information:

Year	Bill #	Receipt #	Amount Paid	Last Paid	Paid By
2020	B40194870	U20.87828	$605.39	11/14/2019	Marquita Margadonna
2021	B40185679	U20.562453	$484.31	9/25/2020	Marquita Margadonna
2022	B40179866	U21.511799	$484.31	9/10/2021	FL Crowne Arcade LLC

On November 22, 2021 at 09:04 am, your affiant observed a white female (later identified through investigative means as Marquita Margadonna) exiting a Toyota, 4 door Station Wagon, Bearing Florida Tag: Z69-FFQ, in the parking lot of the Crowne Arcade, located at 8890-A Lawrence Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33436. During surveillance your affiant observed Marquita approach the arcade and utilize a key to unlock the door and enter the arcade.

The investigation and your affiant's analysis of subpoenaed financial records associated with the Crowne Arcade, revealed illicit proceeds of the gambling operation are being used to further promote the activity by way of paying rent, utilities and other expenses associated with the illegal gambling activities thereby integrating the illicit funds to furtherance the illegal gaming establishment.

During this investigation a Subpoena was issued to Florida Power and Light (FPL) for documents pertaining to the Crowne Arcade; 8890-A Lawrence Road, Boynton Beach, Florida 33436, in which FPL responded by producing true copies of records pertaining to the regularly conducted business activity of the Crowne Arcade. An analysis of the subpoenaed documents revealed the FPL Account for the Crowne Arcade was established on November 16, 2018 under; SSN/Tax ID # [redacted] an linking a phone number of (561) 674-2993, an email of Amagnone123@hotmail.com, and a TD Bank Account with a routing # [redacted] and a bank account [redacted] to the FPL account.

Through investigative means it was discovered that the phone number listed on the FPL account (561-674-2993) belongs to Marquita Margadonna.

In reference to the TD Bank Account documented on the FPL records for the Crowne Arcade LLC and through your affiants training and experience your affiant knows that Federal Law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. Subsequently a financial subpoena was issued and received for TD Bank Account # [redacted] which revealed Marquita Margadonna (DOB: December 14, 1955) is the sole signatory of this account.

- TD Bank verified Marguita Margadonna by her Florida Driver's License (#M623-540-55-954-1), which your affiant through the course of this investigation has verified as Marquita Margadonna's issued Florida Driver's License.
- TD Bank verified Marguita Margadonna by her Social Security Card (# [redacted] which your affiant through the course of this investigation has verified as Marquita Margadonna's Social Security Card number.

The investigation has shown that the arcade at 8890 Lawrence Rd., Boynton Beach, Florida 33436 serves as a commercial gambling establishment, evidenced by the fact that illegal casino style slot machines that receive and pay cash are housed and currently being utilized within the business. The employee(s) within the establishment cash out customers utilizing U.S. currency and do not offer any other form of compensation.

On June 6, 2022, Agent(s) from the Palm Beach County Sheriffs Office executed a lawfully obtained Search Warrant signed by the Honorable Judge Karen Miller on the Crowne Arcade - 8890-A Lawrence Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33436.

During the execution of the Search Warrant, your affiant interviewed Marquita Margadonna. Post Miranda, Marquita admitted to Managing the Arcade and verified that all customers who come to the Arcade are here to gamble. Margadonna stated that patrons would insert US Currency into the gaming machine and if the patron wins he/she would be paid in cash, upon presenting the gaming ticket, which is generated from the arcade machine, to a Crowne Arcade employee. Margadonna went on to say she is paid $150.00 dollars a day in cash, which she takes from the Arcade each day she works and the employees get paid $10 an hour and each employee takes there pay in cash from the arcade at the end of each shift.

During the interview, Post Miranda, Marquita Margadonna advised your affiant that she has been employed at the Crowne Arcade for at least two years and was presently working at the Arcade when it was raided by Law Enforcement. Margadonna stated that ever since Law Enforcement raided the arcade Vincenzo Magnone kept his distance from the arcade and his brother Antonio Magnone stepped up and took over the operation of Crowne Arcade. Margadonna further advised' that approximately four days prior (on June 2nd 2022) Antonio Magnone met at the back office of the Arcade with a potential buyer of the Crowne Arcade. During this meeting Marquita witnessed Antonio Magnone enter an agreement to sale the arcade. Marguita stated that she was advised to leave the office when Antonio and the person purchasing the Arcade started talking about the purchase price.

Agent(s) responded back to the business on June 8, 2022, and discovered that the business that the Crowne Arcade had been sold by Vincenzo Magnone, younger brother Antonio Magnone to Anjaneya Investments Inc. Your affiant spoke with Dhara P. Bhalodia (DOB: 2/18/1990) who advised that she and her husband spoke with Antonio Magnone on Wednesday, June 1st 2022 pertaining to the sale of the Crowne Arcade. Bhalodia stated that they met with Antonio Magnone on Thursday, June 2nd 2022, because Antonio was very motivated in selling the Arcade very quickly and the deal had to be done immediately. Bhalodia stated that during the meeting and agreement was reached to purchase the Crowne Arcade from Antonio Magnone for the sale price of $450,000.00 (four hundred and fifty thousand dollars). As part of the agreement a Chase Bank business check was given to Antonio Magnone from AnJaneya Investments Inc., in the amount of $300,000.00 (three hundred thousand dollars). Bhalodia also gave your affiant a copy of the business check and a copy of the Business Bill of Sale (Purchase Agreement), which documents that Antonio Magnone, was presented with a business check for partial payment of the sale for the Crowne Arcade and the Purchase Agreement was evidence that Antonio Magnone authorized the sale of the business entity known as Crowne Arcade located at 8890 Lawrence Road, Boynton Beach, Florida to Game X Arcade.

Dhara P. Bhalodia also stated that Marquita Margadonna was also present during part of the meeting with Antonio Magnone and Dhara witnessed Marquita give $40,000.00 (forty thousand dollars) in US Currency to Antonio, which was derived from the proceeds of previous illegal gaming within the Crowne Arcade.

Through investigative means your affiant discovered that the Business check derived from Chase Bank, Anjaneya Investments Inc. Bank Account, in the amount of $300,000.00 (three hundred thousand dollars), was deposited at FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA, HERMITAGE, PA., routing numbe[redacted]by Antonio Magnone.

Through your affiant's training and experience, your affiant knows that people who engage in Money Laundering do so by integrating illicit money through a purchase or sell of a business license or real estate, in attempt to disguise the audit trail of the illicit money, in tum giving the appearance the money was obtained legally. Person(s) engaged in Money Laundering will also place unlawful proceeds of the sell, into financial institutions through deposits. The funds are then placed into accounts with legitimate sources of income to conceal the illegitimate funds.

Through your affiant's training and experience, your affiant recognizes the primary purpose of this banking relationship is to facilitate the interstate movement of funds through a funnel account. The transaction activity is consistent with the laundering of proceeds derived from illicit activity such as illegal gambling.

On June 9th, 2022, a Search Warrant to freeze, seize assets, and obtain bank documents from the First National Bank of Pennsylvania was obtained from the 15th Judicial Circuit Court, honorable Judge Robert Panse. Your affiant issued the Search Warrant via fax on the First National Bank of Pennsylvania and the Bank responded: "First National Bank of Pennsylvania is unable to comply with the enclosed Seizure/Search Warrant relative to the above-referenced matter. Please be aware that First National Bank of Pennsylvania does not do business in the State of Florida. In order for First National Bank of Pennsylvania to respond to a Seizure/Search Warrant, the Seizure/Search Warrant would need to be issued in a jurisdiction in the state of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Washington D.C., West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, North or South Carolina."

Since your affiant discovered that Antonio Magnone traveled back to his home town of Steubenville, Ohio, which is located within Jefferson County, Ohio and deposited the check Your affiant requested the assistance from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office as a co-affiant to the Search Warrant. Your affiant spoke with the Assistant Chief of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office who agreed to assist and advised your affiant that Captain John Lemal, Commander of the Jefferson County Drug Task Force is assigned the task in assisting with the Search Warrant.

On June 15, 2022, your affiant received a call from Captain Lemal who advised that the Search Warrant has been approved and served via fax to First National Bank of Pennsylvania. A short while later your affiant received an email from First National Bank of Pennsylvania, legal department advising: "First National Bank of Pennsylvania is in receipt of the seizure warrant issued for the account of Antonio Magnone, Account No. [redacted] Balance: $303,776.59.

Charges:

There is probable cause to believe that Antonio Magnone 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.

There is probable cause to believe that Antonio Magnone did act as servant(s), clerk(s), agent(s), or employee(s) 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(s), clerk(s), agent(s), or employee(s) 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.

There is probable cause to believe that Antonio Magnone did manufacture, own, store, keep, possess, sell, rent, lease, let on shares, lend or give away, transport, or expose for sale or lease, or offer to sell, rent, lease, let on shares, lend or give away, or permit the operation of, or did permit to be placed, maintained, or used or kept in any room, space, or building owned, leased, or occupied by Vincenzo Magnone or under Antonio Magnone's and Marquita Margadonna's management or control, **30 (thirty)** slot machine(s) or device(s) or any part thereof, contrary to Florida Statute 849.15 and 849.23.

**NOTE: Per Florida Statute 849.16(1) "slot machine or device" means any machine or device or system or network of devices that is adapted for use in such a way that, upon activation, which may be achieved by, but is not limited to, the insertion of any piece of money, coin, account number, code, or other object or information, such device or system is directly or indirectly caused to operate or may be operated and if the user, whether by application of skill or by reason of any element of chance or any other outcome unpredictable by the user, may:

(a) Receive or become entitled to receive any piece of money, credit, allowance, or thing of value, or any check, slug, token, or memorandum, whether of value or otherwise, which may be exchanged for any money, credit, allowance, or thing of value or which may be given in trade.

Based on the above evidence there is probable cause to believe that Antonio did launder money with financial transactions totaling or exceeding $100,000, in any 12- month period, and knowing that the property involved in a financial transaction represents the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, conduct or attempt to conduct such a financial transaction which in fact involves the proceeds of specified unlawful activity with the intent to promote the carrying on of the specified unlawful activity, contrary to Florida Statute 896.101(3) and (5)(c).

All exhibits and evidence obtained in this financial investigation has been placed into the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office evidence room.

Based on the above information your affiant submitted this affidavit to the fifteenth Judicial Court, Office of the State Attorney requesting a warrant be issued for the above felony charges.

Agent M. Leatherman (ID#8299)
(AFFIANT)

State of Florida
County of Palm Beach

The foregoing instrument was sworn to or affirmed before me this 21st day of June 2022, by **Agent M. Leatherman (ID#8299)** who is personally known to me.

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Agent Lisa Murray (PBSO ID# 6219) (L.E.O.)

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