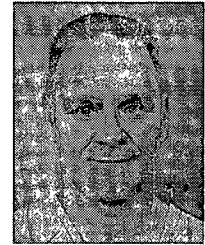




Broward County Sheriff's Office

17-10370

Booking Report



CIS #	801701143	BCCN #	887961	Booking Sheet Control Date and Time	
OBTS	608246927	Print Clearance	09/05/17 18:38:17	Prints	Yes
				09/05/17 19:41:50	
Arrest #	MJ 1701143	Offense Report #	9-1709-001470	Agency	MAIN JAIL

Last Name	PRAVATO, VINCENT				SSN #	██████
First						
Middle						

Race	Sex	Height	Weight	Eyes	Hair	Comp	Age	Admitted	DOB	Place of Birth	State	FDLE
W	M	600	224	BLU	GRY	FAR	48		9/14/1968	BROOKLYN	NEW YORK	3783802

Permanent Address	10138 LAUREL RD DAVIE FL 33328	Months of Residence	144
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Arrest Date	09/05/17 14:33:00	Place of Arrest	555 SE 1ST AV	Arresting Officer	13954 ROVIRA
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Inmate Logged Date	09/05/17 16:52:26	Inmate Log Type	FULL INTAKE	Place Admitted	MAIN
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Intake Comments 29/54/SP/CO-15060 WC-15415

Alias Last name, First, Middle, DOB

Warrants Officer Id bs15415

Scars,Marks,Tattoos

Release Date/Time	Release Reason	Release Authorized By
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Charge No.	Charge Initiation Date	Statute	Warrant/Capias	Level	M.C	B. Type	Bond Amount
1	09/05/17 19:26	817 034-4b1	17010370CF10A	3F	Y	BOND	\$750 00

Charges OBTAIN PROPERTY COMMUNICATION OVER \$300 BY FRAUD Comments

Booking Off. ID	bs12131	County	BROWARD	Judge	USAN
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Charge No.	Charge Initiation Date	Statute	Warrant/Capias	Level	M.C	B. Type	Bond Amount
2	09/05/17 19:27	817.505-4	17010370CF10A	3F	Y	BOND	\$1,000 00

Charges FRAUD - VIOLATE PATIENT BROKERING LAW Comments

Booking Off. ID	bs12131	County	BROWARD	Judge	USAN
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Charge No.	Charge Initiation Date	Statute	Warrant/Capias	Level	M.C	B. Type	Bond Amount
3	09/05/17 19:30	934 215	17010370CF10A	3F	Y	BOND	\$1,000.00

Charges USE 2-WAY COMM DEVICE TO FACILITATE FELONY Comments

Booking Off. ID	bs12131	County	BROWARD	Judge	USAN
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* End of Report *

☐ **COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT**
SHADED FIELDS MUST BE ANSWERED IF DEFENDANT NOT IN CUSTODY

☒ **ARREST FORM**

BROWARD COUNTY

ARREST # **801701143**

OBTs #

Filing Agency BROWARD COUNTY SO		Offense Report 90-1709-001470		Local ID #		FDLE		FBI		SS #	
Defendant's Last Name PRAVATO				First Middle VINCENT JOSEPH		SUF		Alias/Street Name		Citizenship	
Race W	Sex M	Hgt 6'00	Wgt 215	Hair BALD	Eyes BLUE	Comp LIGHT	Age 48	DOB 09/14/1968	Birth Place		
Permanent Address 10138 LAUREL RD, DAVIE, FL 33328								Scars, Marks, TT			
Residence Type: (1) City (2) County (3) Florida (4) Out of State				Local Address: 10138 LAUREL RD, DAVIE, FL 33328				Place of Employment		Length	
How long defendant in Broward County.		Breathalyser By/CCN		Reading		Place of Arrest 555 SE 1ST AV		Date/Time Arrested 09/05/2017 16:33		Arresting Officer(s) CCN ROVIRA, GLENN (13954)	
Officer Injured Y ☐ N ☒	Unit	Zone	Beat	Shift	Trans Unit	PMD Y ☐ N ☒	Transporting Officer/CCN		Pick-up Time	Time Arrived/BSO	
TYPE / ACTIVITY: 1		Type N-N/A A-Amphetamine B-Barbiturate C-Cocaine	E-Heroin H-Hallucinogen M-Marijuana O-Opium/Derv	P-Paraphernalia/ Equipment S-Synthetic U-Unknown Z-Other	Activity: N-N/A P-Possess S-Sell B-Buy	T-Traffic A-Smuggle D-Deliver E-Use	M-Manufacture/ Produce/Cultivate K-Dispense/ Distribute Z-Other	Indication of: Alcohol Influence Y ☐ N ☒ UK ☐ Drug Influence Y ☐ N ☒ UK ☐			

Attach
Defendant's
Photo

Defendant's Vehicle Make: _____ Type: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____ VIN # _____
Vehicle Towed To: _____ Tag #: _____ Other Identifiers or remarks: _____

Name of victim(s) (if corporation, exact legal name and state of incorporation)			
Count #	Offenses Charged	WC# / Citation # (if applicable)	FS or Capias/Warrant #
1	WARRANT-PATIENT BROKERING BOND 1000	201710555	17010370CF10A
1	WARRANT-USE OF 2 WAY DEVICE TO FAC FEL BOND 1000	201710555	17010370CF10A
1	WARRANT-COMMUNICATIONS FRAUD	201710555	17010370CF10A

Probable Cause Affidavit

Before me this date personally appeared ROVIRA, GLENN (13954) who being first duly sworn deposes and says that on 5 day of September, (year) 2017 at 555 SE 1ST AV, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301 (crime location) the above named defendant committed the above offenses charged and the facts showing probable cause to believe the same are as follows

On September 5, 2017 at 1633 hours, subject Pravato, Vincent entered the Main Jail lobby to self-surrender herself. A warrants check was completed and confirmed by warrants tech Sharon 15415. Subject was taken into custody for processing.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing and that the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Officer/Affiant's Signature: [Signature] **ROVIRA, GLENN (13954)** Officer's Name/CCN **Main Jail Facility** Officer's Division

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BROWARD

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 5 day of September, 2017 (year), by ROVIRA, GLENN (name and title), who is personally known to me or has produced BSO as identification.

[Signature] **15834**
Notary Public, Deputy Clerk of the Court, or Assistant State Attorney

[Signature]
Title/Rank and CCN

17 SEP 5 PM 6:21

Miller
Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

(SEAL)

Seventeenth Judicial Circuit
Broward County
State of Florida

FIRST APPEARANCE/ARREST FORM

(SHOULD ADDITIONAL SPACE BE NEEDED, USE THE PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT CONTINUATION (BSO DB#2a))

BSO DB-#2 (Revised 05/00)

Ong - Court
2nd - State Attorney
3rd - Filing Agency
4th - Arresting Agency

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SP/co/ 29/54-15060

WC - 15415



BSO - Warrants/Extradition Division

Confirmation Report

Print Date: September 05, 2017 4:32:13PM

Pravato
Nic @ 1644

Confirmation Information

Confirmation Number: WC-201710555 Date Issued: 09/05/2017 Issued By: bs15415

Issued To Name/Org: DEP ROVIRA/BSO

Status: Assigned

Notes: NEW ARREST VIA PHONE DEP ROVIRA BSO

Case Number: 17010370CF10A-000 Name: PRAVATO, VINCENT
Capias Date: 2017/09/05 Origin: BC DOB: 09/14/1968 Race/Gender: WM

Vincent Pravato
10138 Laurel Rd
Davie FL 33328

Male 09/14/1968 White
17-010370-CF10A

In The Circuit/Court
In And For Broward County,
Florida

6 Ft. 0 In.

BCCN:

Capias

Judge Michael A Usan - FP
Deft Number 17-010370-CF10A

To all and singular the sheriffs of Florida, Greetings:

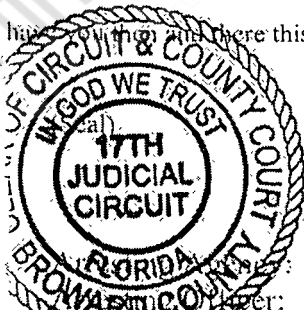
You are commanded to take Vincent Pravato

If that person be found in your county, arrest and safely keep so that you may have that person's body before the Judge of our said court instant to answer to the charge, filed by the State Attorney of Broward County, Florida to:

Charge	Charge Description	Bond Amount
3	Communications Fraud + \$300	750.00
16	Patient Brokering	1,000.00
22	Use Of 2 Way Device To Fac Fel	1,000.00
Total:		2,750.00

Issue Date: 09/05/2017

And have of them and there this writ.



9/5/2017

Witness Brenda D. Forman, Clerk of our
Said court and the seal of our said court,
At the Courthouse at Fort Lauderdale Florida,
Brenda D. Forman, Clerk

By: [Signature] Deputy Clerk

Received Capias Issued: **Capias - Not In Custody**

Received this capias on _____ and executed same on _____
By arresting the within named defendant and having him now before the court.
_____, Sheriff By: _____
Deputy Sheriff

STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF CAPIAS FOR ARREST

INTRODUCTION

OSP CASE NO: 2015-0198-FLL

Your Affiant, Detective Kristy Frederick, is a duly appointed Deputy Sheriff for Broward County, Florida. Your Affiant has served in such a capacity since the Cooper City Police Department merged with the Broward Sheriff's Office in February, 2004. Before such time this Affiant was a police officer with the Cooper City Police Department and had been so since January 2001. This Affiant is currently assigned to the Broward Sheriff's Office, Strategic Investigations Division, Organized Crime Unit (BSO OCU). Furthermore, this Affiant has received specialized training in the field of organized crime, money laundering, RICO, narcotics, scheme to defraud, patient brokering, solicitation and has made numerous related arrests.

NARRATIVE:

In May of 2015, the BSO OCU, along with the Division of Investigative & Forensic Services (DIFS), began investigating several Personal Injury attorneys who were actively involved in illegal patient brokering and the unlawful solicitation of motor vehicle accident victims throughout South Florida. The accident victims were being solicited for the purpose of making motor vehicle tort claims or claims for personal injury protection (PIP) benefits¹.

This investigation revealed that several legal and medical professionals throughout South Florida have been using the PIP insurance coverage to enrich themselves by exploiting victims of motor vehicle accidents. The legal professionals involved in this activity often paid other individuals to solicit motor vehicle accident victims on their behalf. These "runners" typically consisted of individuals associated with tow yards, body shops or those who had access to confidential vehicle crash report information.

Once an accident victim was solicited by or on behalf of an attorney, the attorney then referred the patient to a healthcare facility in exchange for remuneration, usually in the form of a cash kickback. After the patient was brokered to the healthcare facility, the facility was then able

¹ All drivers in Florida are required to carry a minimum of \$10,000 in PIP insurance with a maximum deductible of \$2,000. The objective of this requirement is to have all drivers and their passengers at least minimally covered for injuries suffered as a result of a motor vehicle accident. The PIP benefits are intended to provide protection for the insured and to relieve taxpayers from the burden of caring for injured drivers and passengers, who do not otherwise have health insurance.

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to begin treatment and bill the auto insurance companies for claims covered by the PIP benefits, which resulted in fraud on the insurance companies.

This investigation revealed that between May of 2015 and December of 2016, **Attorney STEVEN SLOOTSKY, Attorney ADAM HURTIG, Attorney MARK SPATZ, Attorney VINCENT PRAVATO, JOAQUIN BARREDA, MARK ESKIN, JAMES PERCHITTI, ELVIRA PERCHITTI and RICHARD KIST** engaged in a scheme, with person(s) known and unknown, to unlawfully solicit or cause the solicitation of motor vehicle accident victims, for the purpose of providing legal representation from one of the aforementioned attorneys and/or to receive medical treatment from Broward Spine Associates and/or Margate Physicians. In return for said referrals, a representative of Broward Spine Associates and/or Margate Physicians provided cash kickbacks to the individual or attorney who made the referral(s)².

As a result of the aforementioned activity, investigators discovered that, **Attorney STEVEN SLOOTSKY, Attorney ADAM HURTIG, Attorney MARK SPATZ, Attorney VINCENT PRAVATO, JOAQUIN BARREDA, MARK ESKIN, JAMES PERCHITTI and RICHARD KIST** unlawfully solicited or caused to be solicited motor vehicle accident victims by means of communication other than advertising directed to the public, for the purpose of making motor vehicle tort claims for personal injury protection benefits, within 60 days after the occurrence of the motor vehicle accident.

During this same time period, **Attorney STEVEN SLOOTSKY, Attorney ADAM HURTIG, Attorney MARK SPATZ, Attorney ALEXANDER KAPETAN, Attorney VINCENT PRAVATO, JOAQUIN BARREDA, JAMES PERCHITTI and ELVIRA PERCHITTI** conspired to and did receive cash kickbacks in return for referring patients or patronage to Broward Spine Associates and/or Margate Physicians, altogether totaling approximately \$521,070.

This investigation also revealed that **Attorney ADAM HURTIG** not only engaged in the illegal solicitation and brokering of his clients, but that he took the criminal activity further by misappropriating his clients' settlement funds. Your Affiant learned that **ADAM HURTIG** took

² The payment of illegal kickbacks for patients and the filing of unenforceable or fraudulent insurance claims can lead to loss of coverage, marginal medical treatment and higher insurance rates for all South Florida drivers.

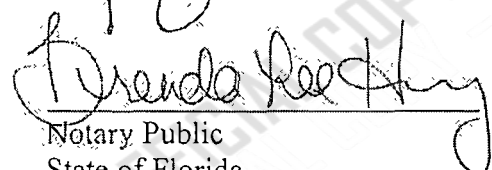
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part in an ongoing course of conduct with the intent to defraud his clients, whereby he engaged in an undisclosed split-fee arrangement with Broward Spine Associates and/or Margate Physicians and covertly accepted a portion of his clients' settlement funds as kickbacks. During this process, ADAM HURTIG provided checks from his clients' settlement funds to Broward Spine Associates and/or Margate Physicians for payment of outstanding medical bills and, in return, accepted cash payments in the amount of half of the figure written on the checks, thereby concealing the fact that said cash payment was misappropriated from his clients' settlement funds.

Additionally, it was revealed that Attorney STEVEN SLOOTSKY, Attorney ADAM HURTIG, Attorney MARK SPATZ, Attorney ALEXANDER KAPETAN, Attorney VINCENT PRAVATO, JOAQUIN BARREDA, MARK ESKIN and JAMES PERCHITTI utilized two-way communication devices, i.e., cellular or landline telephones, in furtherance of the felony offenses committed during this investigation.

Based on the foregoing, probable cause exists to believe that STEVEN SLOOTSKY, ADAM HURTIG, MARK SPATZ, VINCENT PRAVATO, JOAQUIN BARREDA, and MARK ESKIN committed the respective felony offenses listed above.

 #13418 - BSO
DETECTIVE KRISTY FREDERICK


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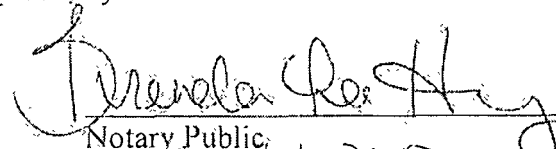


BRENDA LEE HENRY
Commission # GG 050770
Expires March 21, 2021
Bonded Thru Troy Fain Insurance 800-386-7018

(Print, type or stamp
commissioned name of Notary Public)

Identification Produced: _____

The foregoing probable cause affidavit was sworn and subscribed before me under the penalties of perjury this 1st day of Sept 2017, by the individual whose names and signature appear above.


Notary Public

Date: Sept 1, 2017