ARREST / NOTICE TO APPEAR

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

JUVENILE: **N**

ADMINISTRATION

OBTS Number	
Agency ORI Number	0501700
Agency Name	Jupiter Police Department
Agency Report Number (N.T.A.'s only)	5 4 19-001340
Charge Type (Check as many as apply)	☒ 1. Felony ☐ 2. Traffic Felony ☐ 3. Misdemeanor ☐ 4. Traffic Misdemeanor ☐ 5. Ordinance ☐ 6. Other
If Weapon Seized / Enter Type	
Multiple Clearance Indicator	
Location of Arrest (Including Name of Business)	
Location of Offense (Business Name, Address)	266 RIVER PARK DR, JUPITER, FL 33477
Date of Arrest	
Time of Arrest	
Booking Date	
Booking Time	
Jail Date	
Jail Time	
Location of Vehicle	

DEFENDANT

Name (Last, First, Middle)	CENTENO, BYRON A
Alias (Name, DOB, Soc. Sec. #, Etc.)	Alias:
Race (W - White, B - Black, I - American Indian, O - Oriental/Asian)	W
Sex	M
Date of Birth	04/30/1983
Height	5'08
Weight	
Eye Color	BROWN
Hair Color	BLACK
Complexion	MEDIUM
Build	
Scars, Marks, Tatoos, Unique Physical Features (Location, Type, Description)	unk
Marital Status	
Religion	
Indication of: Alcohol Influence	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unk.
Drug Influence	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unk.
Local Address (Street, Apt. Number) (City) (State) (Zip)	3803 HEATHER DR W, GREENACRES, FL 33463
Phone	(561) 460-4080
Residence Type (1. City 2. County 3. Florida 4. Out of State)	2
Permanent Address (Street, Apt. Number) (City) (State) (Zip)	3803 HEATHER DR W, GREENACRES, FL 33463
Phone	(561) 460-4080
Address Source	FLDL
Business Address (Name, Street) (City) (State) (Zip)	—
Phone	—
Occupation	unk
D/L Number, State	C535061831500 / FL
Soc. Sec. Number	[redacted]
INS Number	
Place of Birth (City, State)	, Guatemala
Citizenship	

CO-DEFENDANT

Co-Defendant Name (Last, First, Middle)	Race	Sex	Date of Birth	
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JUVENILE

☐ Parent ☐ Other: ☐ Legal Custodian

Name (Last, First, Middle): | Residence Phone: | Business Phone:

Address (Street, Apt. Number) (City) (State) (Zip):

Notified by: (Name) | Date | Time | JUVENILE DISPOSITION: 1. Handled/Processed within Department and Released 2. TOT JAC 3. Incarcerated

Released To: (Name) | Relationship | 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 (Phone 355-2526) informed of any change of address.

☐ Yes, by: ☐ No:

School Attended: | Grade:

Property Crime? ☐ Yes ☒ No | Description of Property: | Value of Property:

CODE

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

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

CHARGE

Charge Description	Statute Violation Number	Violation of ORD #	Drug Activity	Drug Type	Amount / Unit	Offense #	Counts	Domestic Violence	Warrant / Capias Number	Bond
FRAUD - CASHING OR DEPOSITING ITEM WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD	832.05(3)(A)		N	N	/	19-001340	10	☐ Y ☒ N		
					/			☐ Y ☐ N		
								☐ Y ☐ N		

FILED 19 OCT 2? AM 10:?? SHARON R. BOCK CLERK PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL CIRCUIT CRIMINAL

INTAKE

Health / Apparent Physical Condition of Defendant:

Any knowledge of the following: ☐ Mental ☐ Escape Risk ☐ Medication ☐ Deformities ☐ Injuries

Explain:

Check which applies: ☐ Released O.R. ☐ Posted Bond ☐ Released to Parent/Guardian ☐ South County Mental Health ☐ T.O.T. County Jail

PROPERTY - Received By: | Released By: | Released To:

Transported By: | Date Transported: | Time Transported: | Other:

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 Page 2.

Location (Court, Room):

Court Date and Time:

No Photo Available

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 COMTEMPT 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	
☐ Dangerous ☐ Suicidal ☐ Resisted Arrest ☐ Other	
Signature of Arresting Officer	[signature] #4109
Name of Arresting Officer (Print)	CANONICO, LINDSEY
I.D. #	1054
Name Verification (Printed by Arrestee) (PRINT)	
Intake Deputy / I.D. # / Pouch #	
Transporting Officer / I.D. # / Agency	
Witness here if subject signed with an "X".	

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☐ COURT ☐ STATE ATTORNEY ☐ AGENCY ☐ CENTRAL RECORDS ☐ JAIL ☐ CRIME ANALYSIS ☐ P.I.O. ☐ DEFENDANT

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

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CHARGES

Charge Description	Charge Description
832.05(3)(A) FRAUD - CASHING OR DEPOSITING ITEM WITH	
Charge Description	Charge Description

VICTIM

Victim's Name (Last, First, Middle)	Race	Sex	Date of Birth
RIVER RECREATION ASSOCATION,			

Local Address (Street, Apt. Number) (City) (State) (Zip)	Phone	Address Source
266 RIVER PARK DR, JUPITER, FL 33477	(561) 743-0762	
Business Address (Name, Street) (City) (State) (Zip)	Phone	Occupation

The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and resonable 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 below facts.

[ ] was observed by ________ who told ________ that he/she saw the arrested person committ the below acts.

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

On the 16 day of July, 2019 at 15:54 (Specifically include facts constituting cause for arrest.)

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

On 03/20/19, around 1047 hours, Officer Kniffin arrived at 266 River Park Dr. (River Bluffs Recreation Association) in reference to fraud. He met with John Turner (W/M 02/27/59), the manager, who advised they discovered 16 fraudulent bank transactions with their River Recreation Association account, through PNC Bank. The transactions occurred between 01/22/19 and 03/13/19.

All the fraudulent transactions were payroll checks that were dated from early 2017 to late 2017. The checks were made payable to Hector DeLeon (561-729-9894), a former employee, and had previously been deposited back in 2017 when they were initially given to DeLeon. Turner did not suspect DeLeon, but rather that the checks must have been found and redeposited. Turner added that some of the check numbers were changed.

The following is a list of the transactions (date deposited, check #, amount, payee):

01/22/19 check #1232 in the amount of $290.15 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon
01/22/19 check #1245 in the amount of $290.15 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon
01/22/19 check #1190 in the amount of $595.85 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon
01/23/19 check #1003 in the amount of $562.92 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon
02/11/19 check #1045 in the amount of $467.88 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon
02/12/19 check #1030 in the amount of $588.80 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon
02/13/19 check #1050 in the amount of $588.80 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon
02/19/19 check #1046 in the amount of $588.80 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon
02/20/19 check #1036 in the amount of $467.88 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon
02/21/19 check #1033 in the amount of $588.80 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon
02/25/19 check #1034 in the amount of $588.80 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon
02/26/19 check #3641 in the amount of $467.88 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon
02/27/19 check #898 in the amount of $588.80 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon
02/28/19 check #1043 in the amount of $467.88 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon

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03/08/19 check #1042 in the amount of $588.80 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon
03/13/19 check #1494 in the amount of $588.80 paid to the order of Hector R. DeLeon

The total cash obtained is $8,619.61

Upon examining the check copies, the dates on the checks were still from 2017 and one check even had "void" written on the front and back yet still was all out to clear. Despite these facts, the bank has yet to fully return the funds to the victim/Association.

When I received this case, I began by calling the reporting party, John Turner, who advised Hector DeLeon keeps calling him about this case due to the fact that monies were being withdrawn from his account after the checks were returned. Turner stated that DeLeon was denying any involvement in the fraudulent deposit of the checks the second time. I told Turner that on its face, it didn`t make sense to me that they would withdraw the funds from DeLeon`s account if it wasn`t in fact the account into which the checks were deposited. I responded to 266 River Park Drive so that Turner could attempt a controlled call (recorded) to DeLeon. During the first conversation DeLeon adamantly denied knowledge about the crimes but he couldn`t explain or articulate why they would take it from his account if he did not re-deposit the checks. DeLeon stated that he would call Bank of America Fraud Department and call Turner back on 3-way. I waited around for this to occur. When DeLeon called back he stated that he had "Candy" from Bank of America Check and Digital Fraud Department in Arizona (800-317-6345) on the line. Turner told her that he couldn`t understand why the bank would take the funds from DeLeon if he wasn`t in fact the person who deposited the checks the second time. Candy said that because DeLeon first mobile deposited the checks back in 2017, his account at Bank of America was the bank of first deposit. Then when the suspect deposited the physical checks (in 2019), the physical check, which is a legal document, superseded the mobile deposit because mobile deposits are merely photos. Therefore, despite the physical checks being deposited 2 years after they were written, the physical check was deemed more valid than the mobile deposit, which is why the checks were reversed to DeLeon`s account and not the actual suspect`s. Candy (not knowing the checks were re-deposited into Bank of America as well AND also via mobile) stated that she was not sure why the checks even cleared in the first place due to them being 2 years old and that whichever bank allowed that should be responsible for the loss. All Candy could do was confirm by looking at DeLeon`s account, that DeLeon did not benefit from the re-deposits in 2019. Based on the information obtained in the phone calls, I told Turner that I was going to have to obtain a subpoena and rely on the results as to who the actual suspect was. I told him he could relay my contact information to DeLeon if he called again.

On 04/24/19, DeLeon called and left me a message. When I spoke to him, he again denied re-depositing the checks. DeLeon was upset saying that he was somewhat of a

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victim as well since some of the checks were reversed to his account. I told him that there was nothing I could do to help him and that although he was saying he did not re-deposit the checks; it was still ultimately his responsibility to destroy the checks after mobile depositing them in 2017. I further advised the bank may still hold him financially responsible for not safeguarding the checks. Lastly, I told him that I was waiting for the subpoena results and would update him with new information.

I first contacted PNC to determine the bank of first deposit, which was later confirmed to be Bank of America. I then requested, received, and served a subpoena to Bank of America for any and all information available for the fraudulent uttering of the checks, particularly the account details into which they were deposited. When I received the results back from Bank of America I learned that all of the checks were deposited into account ending #[redacted]. The account was opened online on 05/31/18 and belonged solely to a Byron A Centeno (W/M 04/30/83). Upon review of the account statements the pattern revealed itself; the checks were redeposited via mobile app and immediately after, Zelle transfers occurred for almost the same amounts with a memo of "centeno, me" . Three transfers had the memo of "HECTOR". Bank of America must have ultimately figured out that the second deposit of the checks was actually the fraudulent one and started to reverse the deposits. As of 04/11/19, the date the subpoena was served, the account had a balance of -$1,886.35.

On 06/12/19, I received a phone call from DeLeon asking for an update. I told him that I had received the subpoena results and believed that he was not the suspect that re-deposited the checks. I told him that he could tell his bank to call me if he wanted and I could speak to them about the case and the results but that was the best I could do to help him. Prior to hanging up the phone, I asked DeLeon if he knew anyone by the name of Byron and he told me yes. When I inquired further he asked me to confirm his last name and I told him Centeno. DeLeon sounding surprised and extremely upset told me that Byron Centeno was his biological cousin. He continued to get upset and state how in he was in such disbelief and felt so betrayed adding that he and his wife have him over to their house all of the time. I asked DeLeon not to call Centeno until I had a chance to and he agreed.

After hanging up with DeLeon, I immediately called Centeno and recorded the phone call. He initially didn`t answer, but after I left a message he called me right back. He introduced himself and I told him that I was investigating a case which checks were mobile deposited that had already been deposited the year before. I told him that when I looked into what account the checks were deposited, I determined it was an account owned by him. The phone started to cut out and the call ultimately disconnected. I called him back and was able to continue the conversation. I told him again that there were checks deposited into a bank account, at Bank of America, that belonged to him. I told him that some of the checks were made out to someone named Hector. He asked me to send him the documentation so he could review it. I then asked him if he even has an

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account at Bank of America and he said that he closed an account he had at Bank of America. I told him that the transactions occurred around January or February of this year and he again said he would have to look at the documents. He continued to say that the Bank of America account was an account with low usage and he now banks with Wells Fargo. I asked if he remembered making mobile deposits into his Bank of America account since someone would have to have accessed his account to mobile deposit these checks. In an attempt to get DeLeon to admit to even depositing the checks, I asked if Hector could may have given him the checks as payment for something or how it all transpired and he agreed with my storyline that DeLeon gave him some checks. I asked what the checks were for and Centeno claimed it was payment for a car. He claimed he sold a Suburban to DeLeon but when asked, he was not sure if the title transfer had taken place. Despite knowing DeLeon was his cousin, I asked Centeno whether he knows DeLeon personally or whether he placed an ad for his vehicle. Centeno stated that he knows him personally. I then asked if he is a relative or a friend and Centeno told me that DeLeon is a "political family member". I asked how much he supposedly sold the Suburban for and he told me $3,300.00. I then asked if the checks were supposed to equal the $3,300.00 and Centeno said, "Yes, but there was an overpay for sure". He went on to claim that he was supposed to given DeLeon the money back. I asked how much overpayment there was and Centeno stated that he would have to go back and look but he thought it was close to $800.00. I then asked if he thought it was weird that he was "given" multiple little checks instead of one check for the full amount of the alleged purchase price but Centeno claimed he didn`t pay much attention. I asked if the bank every contacted him about these transactions since they were being reversed and Centeno said "not directly". I asked if he had DeLeon`s number he could give me so that I could call and confirm the statements he was making about selling him the Suburban and DeLeon giving him the checks. Centeno said that he needed to call DeLeon and make sure it was okay that he give me his number. I then confirmed that the social security number on the Bank of America account was in fact Centeno`s. As we talked about the case status, Centeno asked why the bank did not reject the transactions and I told him I had no idea. I then made sure that DeLeon was never on the account (past or present). I told him that the checks I have copies of (that were re-deposited fraudulently) all appear to have Hector DeLeon`s name on them. I asked if the checks he deposited had his own name on them, and Centeno told me no; that they were made out to Hector DeLeon. The phone call was ended a short time later with Centeno stating he would call me back with DeLeon`s phone number after he spoke to him, which never occurred.

I checked the Driver and Vehicle Information Database for the current and previous vehicles registered to both Centeno and DeLeon. Centeno did not appear to ever have a Chevy Suburban registered to him. DeLeon currently has a 2004 Suburban registered to him. However, he has owned it since 2015 and he purchased it from a dealer as evidenced by the initial temp tag issuance documented in the registration history. Also, it should be noted that the story of selling the Suburban isn`t even plausible to begin with regard to the numbers. According to Centeno himself, the alleged sale price was

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$3,300.00 with an "overpayment" of $800.00, however, the total amount of checks deposited was $8,619.64 and Centeno even confirmed that he knowingly deposited the (16) checks knowing that they were not even written out to him.

Due to the above described investigation, I found that Byron Centeno did by act or common scheme, cash or deposit any item, instrument or promise or order to pay money handled by a bank for collection or payment, as defined in s. 674.104(1)(i), in any bank or depository with intent to defraud, contrary to Florida Statute 832.05(3) on sixteen (16) separate and distinct occasions.

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