

Rough Arrest Only

ARREST / NOTICE TO APPEAR Juvenile Referral Report

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

OBTs Number
Agency ORI Number **FL0500000**

Agency Name **PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Agency Report Number **06-15-145240**

Charge Type: 1. Felony 3. Misdemeanor 5. Ordinance
 2. Traffic Felony 4. Traffic Misdemeanor 6. Other
Weapon Seized/Type: 1. Yes 2. No
Location of Arrest (Including Name of Business): **11790 Caracas Bd, Boynton Beach, FL 33437**
Date of Arrest Time of Arrest Booking Date Booking Time Jail Date Jail Time Location of Vehicle

Name (Last, First, Middle): **Nicholas, Crissy Janet**
Race: **W - White** Sex: **F** Date of Birth: **10-18-85** Height: **5'01"** Weight: **120** Eye Color: **brn** Hair Color: **brn** Complexion: **med** Build: **sm**
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, Unique Physical Features (Location, Type, Description):
Local Address (Street, Apt. Number): **9773 Palma Vista Way** (City): **Boca Raton** (State): **FL** (Zip): **33428** Phone: **(561) 777-3027**
Permanent Address (Street, Apt. Number): (City) (State) (Zip) Phone Address Source: **Defendant**
Business Address (Street, Apt. Number) (City) (State) (Zip) Phone Occupation
D/L Number, State: **N242-110-85-878-0, FL** Soc. Sec. Number: [REDACTED] INS Number: [REDACTED] Place of Birth: **Virginia** Citizenship: **US**

Co-Defendant Name (Last, First, Middle) Race Sex Date of Birth 1. Arrested 3. Felony 5. Juvenile
 2. At Large 4. Misdemeanor

Parent Legal Custodian Other
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

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: S. Sell R. Smuggle 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

Charge Description: **Organized Scheme to Defraud** Counts: **1** Domestic Violence: Yes No Statute Violation Number: **817.034(4)(a)(1)** Violation of ORD #
Drug Activity: **N** Drug Type: **N** Amount/Unit: **\$77,600.00** Offense #: **15-145240** Warrant/Capias Number: Bond

Charge Description: Counts: Domestic Violence: Yes No Statute Violation Number: Violation of ORD #
Drug Activity: Drug Type: Amount/Unit: Offense #: Warrant/Capias Number: Bond

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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 AM PM
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

HOLD for other Agency Name: **Det. Erin Giannotti #8405** Signature of Arresting Officer: **Erin Giannotti** Name Verification (Printed by Arrestee) (PRINT):
 Dangerous Resisted Arrest Suicidal Other
Intake Deputy ID # Pouch # Transporting Officer ID # Agency: Witness here is subject signed with an 'X' PAGE 1 OF 1

OBTS Number		PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT			4	Juvenile
Agency ORI Number FLO 5 0 0 0 0 0		Agency Name PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		Agency Report Number 06 - 15-145240		
Charge Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Felony <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Ordinance Check as many <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Traffic Felony <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Traffic Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Other as apply.				Special Notes:		
Defendant's Name (Last, First, Middle) Nicholas, Crissy Janet				Race W	Sex F	Date of Birth 10-18-85
Charge Description Organized Scheme to Defraud		Charge Description				
Charge Description		Charge Description				
Victim's Name (Last, First, Middle) Sherman, Paul				Race W	Sex M	Date of Birth 06-17-33
Victim's Local Address (Street, Apt. Number) 11790 Caracas Bd		(City) Boynton Beach	(State) FL	(Zip) 33437	Phone 561-200-0237	Address Source victim
Victim's Business Address (Name, Street)		(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Phone	Occupation
The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she 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...						
<input type="checkbox"/> committed the below acts in my presence.		<input type="checkbox"/> was observed by _____ who told _____ that he/she saw the arrested person commit the below acts.				
<input type="checkbox"/> confessed to _____ admitting to the below facts.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was found to have committed the below acts, resulting from my (described) investigation.				
On the 16 th day of November, 20015 at <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M. (Specifically include facts constituting cause for arrest).						

NARRATIVE:

On the above date and time, the victim, Paul Sherman, contacted the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department in order to report a fraud. Sherman advised that he was defrauded by a woman he met at the Publix Supermarket. He reported that she convinced him that she was a seamstress specializing in making high end costumes. She told him that she needed financial assistance with relocating her industrial sewing machine from her prior home in Atlanta, Georgia to South Florida so that she could continue with her trade. This led to a series of "loans" to Nicholas from Sherman.

Sherman's complaint was forwarded to the Financial Crimes Unit of PBSO and I was subsequently assigned to the case for follow up investigation.

On 03-21-16, I met with Sherman at his home in Boynton Beach. He told me that he met the suspect, Chrissy Nicholas, on a Friday in August (possibly late July) 2015. He advised that he was shopping in a local Publix grocery store (Shoppes of Woolbright) when Nicholas approached him and commented on his argyle socks. The two began talking and Mr. Sherman ultimately shared his home telephone number with her. Nicholas told him that she would call him on the following Monday and she did. Mr. Sherman told me that they had two lunch dates at different restaurants. On the third date, Nicholas came to Mr. Sherman's home. She told him that she had moved to the area from Atlanta. She advised that she separated from her "common law" husband, Tom, and relocated with her two young sons – ages 9 and 11 (she advised him that

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one son had autism). Mr. Sherman was led to believe that Tom remained in Atlanta. Nicholas told Mr. Sherman that her 11 year old was a challenge and attended special classes. She told him that he punched holes in the walls of their home and was destructive. During a subsequent visit, Nicholas told him that her home was being foreclosed on and that she had to be out by February 2016.

Nicholas told Mr. Sherman that she was hoping to begin a seamstress job out of her home garage; however, the industrial sewing machine that she needed in order to start up this enterprise was still in Atlanta. Nicholas told him that she had once contracted with Disney World in Orlando. She indicated that if she could get her sewing machine back that she would be able to get that contract back. Nicholas told Mr. Sherman that she had borrowed money from a friend and that the friend had kept the sewing machine as a security for the loan. Nicholas told him that she was required to pay 5% per year for the loan and that she had obtained the loan three years prior. Nicholas also told him that she would need money to have the machine moved to South Florida. It was during this third date that Nicholas asked Mr. Sherman to loan her \$30,000.00. She advised that the money would be used to pay off her outstanding loan plus the interest as well as cover her travel expenses and fees and ultimately move the sewing machine to her home in Boynton Beach. Mr. Sherman told her that he would need to think about it; however, he ultimately agreed to loan her the money. This led to a series of additional "loans" solicited by Nicholas. Nicholas told Mr. Sherman that the money was needed to continue with her business venture as a seamstress/costume designer for Disney, for schooling/training, travel expenses, credit card debt, and living expenses (including past due utility payments). Nicholas assured Mr. Sherman that she would be able to pay him back as soon as she began working for Disney again. She told him that when she had contracted with them previously that she had made a significant amount of money and would have no problems repaying him. Mr. Sherman told me that Nicholas never showed him any of her costumes/seamstress work; however, she once showed him a picture of a person dressed in a Mickey Mouse costume. He asked her if she had made the costume and she told him that she didn't but was capable of making it with her industrial sewing machine.

Nicholas later told Mr. Sherman that Disney would cover the transportation costs to move her industrial sewing machine from Atlanta, GA to Boynton Beach, FL. She led him to believe that the machine had been moved and, at one point, had been relocated to the garage in her home. She added that when the machine was being delivered to her home that the truck driver had a generator. The driver plugged the machine into his generator and showed her that the machine worked; however, when she plugged it in at her home, she discovered that she didn't have enough power to run the machine. This event compelled her to move the machine to a storage facility located in an unknown industrial park. Nicholas told Mr. Sherman that she tested the machine at this facility and it worked. She then told him that the facility wanted her to insure the machine and she asked to borrow \$7,000.00 to cover this cost. Mr. Sherman told me that while Nicholas was at his home she called and spoke to an unknown male (Mr.

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Sherman could hear a male voice coming from the phone) about the insurance. This call was made from Nicholas' cell phone. At one point, Mr. Sherman asked Nicholas to show him the machine; however, she never complied. He stated that she would "hem and haw" but would never even identify the location of the industrial park.

I asked Mr. Sherman if he considered making payments directly to the alleged insurance company and he told me that he did. He stated that he suggested this to Nicholas but she told him no because her contact at Disney – identified only as "Emma" – was handling the distribution of finances. Nicholas told him that Emma was going to take the sewing machine off of her hands and would offer her a job at Disney. Nicholas told him that this job was held up due to her not having the required documents necessary to operate the machine. She told him that her grandmother taught her to use the machine and that when she worked for Disney previously that she had done so using her grandmother's social security number. Nicholas told Mr. Sherman that because she had been taught by a relative and had not received formal training, Emma was unable to hire her right away. Nicholas told Mr. Sherman that Emma promised to hold a job for her if she went to the appropriate technical school and obtained the required certification. Nicholas told Mr. Sherman that she needed to attend a three week program at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. She asked him to loan her the necessary funds to cover tuition, travel expenses, babysitting expenses, etc. Mr. Sherman told me that he believed that Nicholas did travel to New York and obtain her certification. He stated that upon her return she showed him a blank diploma and told him that a completed diploma would be sent to her but she was given the blank one to keep temporarily.

During a visit at his home, Nicholas called and spoke to "Emma". Mr. Sherman told me that he could hear a female's voice coming from Nicholas' cell phone. During this conversation, Emma allegedly told Nicholas to relocate to Orlando and she would have a job with Disney right away. This prompted Nicholas to request additional funds to assist her with the relocation and start-up expenses.

Mr. Sherman told me that each time Nicholas came to his house that she arrived in a white BMW. Nicholas told him that the car belonged to a neighbor. She later told him that the car belonged to the neighbor's daughter who was in a rehabilitation center. The daughter was anticipated to return home by the end of November 2015.

Regardless, Mr. Sherman advised that Nicholas would be at his home for one hour and her cell phone would ring. Nicholas told him that the caller was her neighbor instructing her to return with the car. Mr. Sherman advised that he could hear a male voice coming from the cell phone; however, he never heard the content of the call. Mr. Sherman told me that his son hired a private investigator (PI) who learned that the BMW was registered to Nicholas. Additionally, the PI went to Nicholas' home and learned that Nicholas lived there with two men – one named Tom. The PI reported the home to be immaculate with high end furnishings and decorations.

Mr. Sherman told me that he last spoke to Nicholas in late November. He stated that he had figured out that she was defrauding him and he told her not to contact him

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anymore. Additionally, he hired an attorney (Russell Forkey) and began a civil action against her. (50-2016-CA-000592-XXXX-MB)

Mr. Sherman told me that his relationship with Nicholas was strictly platonic and that they were only friends. He told me that she once exposed her breasts to him after commenting to him that she thought they were too small.

In total, Nicholas solicited \$111,100.00 in funds from Mr. Sherman. They were as follows:

On 08-07-15, Mr. Sherman provided Nicholas with a personal check for \$30,000.00. This check was drawn on his Morgan Stanley account and was endorsed by Nicholas. Additionally, Mr. Sherman drafted a "loan agreement" which read as follows: "August 7, 2015 On this day Paul Sherman agrees to loan Chrissy Nicholas \$30,000 to be paid back over five (5) years starting one year from today." The agreement was signed and dated by both Mr. Sherman and Nicholas. Mr. Sherman provided me with a copy of the agreement as well as a copy of the negotiated check.

On 08-07-15, Mr. Sherman provided Nicholas with a second personal check for \$1,000.00. This check was drawn on his JPMorgan Chase Bank account and was endorsed by Nicholas. I was provided with a copy of the negotiated check.

On 08-09-15, Mr. Sherman provided Nicholas with a personal check for \$7,500.00. This check was drawn on his JPMorgan Chase Bank account and was endorsed by Nicholas. I was provided with a copy of the negotiated check.

On 08-25-15, Mr. Sherman provided Nicholas with a personal check for \$5,500.00. This check was drawn on his Morgan Stanley account and was endorsed by Nicholas. I was provided with a copy of the negotiated check.

On 08-25-15, Mr. Sherman provided Nicholas with a personal check for \$3,500.00. This check was drawn on his Morgan Stanley account and was endorsed by Nicholas. Additionally, Mr. Sherman drafted a "loan agreement" which read as follows: "August 25, 2015 On this day Paul Sherman agrees to loan Chrissy Nicholas \$3500 to be paid back over five (5) years starting one year from today." The agreement was signed and dated by both Mr. Sherman and Nicholas. Mr. Sherman provided me with a copy of the agreement as well as a copy of the negotiated check.

On 09-10-15, Mr. Sherman provided Nicholas with a personal check for \$16,000.00. This check was drawn on his Morgan Stanley account and was endorsed by Nicholas. I was provided with a copy of the negotiated check.

On 09-11-15, Mr. Sherman provided Nicholas with a personal check for \$29,000.00. This check was drawn on his Morgan Stanley account and was endorsed by Nicholas. I was provided with a copy of the negotiated check.

On 10-16-15, Mr. Sherman provided Nicholas with a personal check for \$600.00. This check was drawn on his JPMorgan Chase Bank account and was endorsed by Nicholas. I was provided with a copy of the negotiated check.

On 10-25-15, Mr. Sherman provided Nicholas with a personal check for \$3,000.00. This check was drawn on his JPMorgan Chase Bank account and was endorsed by Nicholas. I was provided with a copy of the negotiated check.

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On 11-09-15, Mr. Sherman provided Nicholas with a personal check for \$15,000.00. This check was drawn on his Morgan Stanley account and was endorsed by Nicholas. Nicholas was provided with a copy of the negotiated check.

Mr. Sherman told me that if he had known that Nicholas lied to him about the sewing machine and her career opportunity with Disney that he never would have authorized the use of his funds to help her out. He told me that Nicholas indicated that her money problems were all related to retrieving and operating the sewing machine and he believed that by providing her with financial assistance that he was facilitating her career and thus would have no problems with getting his money back from her. Mr. Sherman advised that he believes that Nicholas defrauded him and he does wish to prosecute.

Mr. Sherman's statement was recorded and sworn to. A copy of his statement was placed into PBSO Evidence.

I researched Nicholas' registered vehicle history and confirmed that she is the sole registrant of a 2011 white BMW 4 door. This vehicle was acquired by her on 05-23-14.

On 05-23-16, I received written correspondence from Marilyn Schleyer, Legal Assistant for Rochester Institute of Technology. Schleyer wrote: "The Rochester Institute of Technology ("RIT") is in receipt of your request for information relative to the above-referenced individual. Please be advised that the Registrar has reviewed their records and finds no record of Crissy Nicholas ever being a student at RIT.

I made inquiry with the Department of Homeland Security regarding any airline travel made by Crissy Nicholas from August 2015 to November 2015. I was notified that no travel records or commercial flight booking information could be found for Nicholas during that time frame.

Certified records were received from Florida Power and Light. These records included customer information for Crissy Nicholas. Nicholas' customer history included service at 11125 Misty Ridge Way in Boynton Beach from 03-21-13 to 02-29-16 (account number [REDACTED]). The telephone number listed on the account was 561-777-3027. The following payments were made to the account:

06-29-15	\$475.92
08-24-15	\$700.00
09-17-15	\$720.00
10-26-15	\$480.00
11-12-15	\$563.58
12-14-15	\$450.91
01-08-16	\$458.37
2-16-16	\$487.63

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On 02-29-16, Nicholas' service address changed to 9773 Palma Vista Way in Boca Raton (account number [REDACTED]).

Secure correspondence was received via email from Morgan Stanley. This correspondence included account information for Paul Sherman – specifically monthly statements including withdrawals. A review of account number [REDACTED] reflected the following checks that posted to this account and were made payable to Nicholas:

08-10-15	check #1032	\$30,000.00
08-26-15	check #1034	\$5,500.00
08-26-15	check #1035	\$3,500.00
09-11-15	check #1036	\$16,000.00
09-14-15	check #1037	\$29,000.00
11-10-15	check #1039	\$15,000.00

Certified records were received from JPMorgan Chase Bank. These records included copies of signature cards, monthly banking statements, deposits, and withdrawals for accounts held by both the victim, Paul Sherman, as well as the suspect, Crissy Nicholas.

Account number [REDACTED] was established by Crissy Nicholas on 01-17-13. Her Florida driver's license and bank issued credit card were used to confirm her identity. A review of account activity revealed the following transactions (not inclusive):

06-18-15 \$637.02 deposit check payable to Gary Uwich from HHC TRS FP Portfolio LLC dba Hyatt Regency Long Island

Endorsed by both Uwich and Nicholas

07-01-15	\$475.00	deposit	check from Anthony Verrilli (Fairfield, CT)
08-07-15	\$1,000.00	deposit	check from Paul Sherman
08-07-15	\$30,000.00	deposit	check from Paul Sherman – memo: loan
08-10-15	\$7,500.00	deposit	check from Paul Sherman
08-25-15	\$5,500.00	deposit	check from Paul Sherman
08-25-15	\$3,500.00	deposit	check from Paul Sherman
09-10-15	\$16,000.00	deposit	check from Paul Sherman
09-11-15	\$29,000.00	deposit	check from Paul Sherman
10-09-15	\$2,000.00	deposit	check from Anthony Verrilli – memo: no more
11-09-15	\$15,000.00	deposit	check from Paul Sherman

There were no direct deposits or other identifiable means of income.

Spending from the account appeared personal in nature with purchases for utilities, groceries, restaurants, fuel, entertainment, travel, Sunpass, etc.

Nicholas' account activity revealed spending in Florida during the months of July and August. Beginning on 09-16-15, activity was conducted in Georgia, South Carolina,

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North Carolina, Washington DC, Virginia, and Maryland. From 09-22-15 to 10-05-15, charges (point of sale purchases and ATM withdrawals) were seen in New York.

Account number 4381028127 was established by Paul Sherman on 08-09-83. The following checks were determined to have been written to Nicholas from this account:

08-07-15	#6352	\$1,000.00
08-09-15	#6353	\$7,500.00
10-16-15	#6361	\$600.00
10-25-15	#6362	\$3,000.00

On 02-13-17, Det. Nielsen #8485 and I went to Mr. Sherman's home in Boynton Beach. At that time, Det. Nielsen presented Mr. Sherman with a photo line-up. After viewing the line-up, Mr. Sherman advised Det. Nielsen that he believed the female in position #4 to look the most like Crissy Nicholas; however, he couldn't be sure. It should be noted that the female in position #4 of the photo line-up is, in fact, Crissy Nicholas.

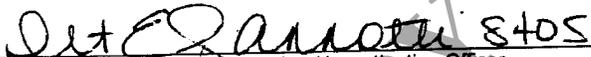
After leaving Mr. Sherman's home, Det. Nielsen and I attempted to locate Nicholas. We went to 9773 Palma Vista Way in Boca Raton. Det. Nielsen and I knocked at the door of the residence and were greeted by Crissy Nicholas. I advised her that I was conducting a criminal complaint made against her by Paul Sherman and I requested an interview with her. Nicholas advised that she had an attorney and that she believed the matter to be resolved. She stated that she signed an agreement for court. I explained to Nicholas that I knew there to be a civil case that had also been filed; however, my investigation was criminal. I requested the name of her attorney at which time Nicholas invited Det. Nielsen and I into her home. While Nicholas searched for her attorney's information, she again stated that she didn't understand what I was telling her. Referring to Mr. Sherman, Nicholas stated "He's Jewish. This is what he does." It is unknown if she was referring to Mr. Sherman suing her, her taking money from him, or something else. Nicholas began to engage in conversation with me; however, I stopped her and reminded her of her claim to counsel. I advised her that if she wished to speak with me that we would begin a formal interview; however, if she wished to first confer with her attorney then I would refrain from discussing the case any further with her. Nicholas advised that she wished to speak with her attorney, Andrew Stein, prior to speaking with me.

The photo line-up was placed into evidence.

Based on my investigation, I do believe that there is probable cause to charge Crissy Nicholas with a violation of FSS 817.034(4)(a)(1) – Organized Scheme to Defraud. Nicholas did engage in a systematic, ongoing course of conduct with the intent to

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defraud Paul Sherman by false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises or willful misrepresentations of a future act.

Sworn and Subscribed before me	
Signature Notary Public / Clerk of Court / Officer (F.S.S 117.10) Det. Jon Belyeu #8834	Signature of Arresting / Investigating Officer Det. Erin Giannotti #8405
Name of Notary Public / Clerk of Court / Officer (F.S.S 117.10) 06-20-17	Name of Officer (Please Print) 06-20-17
Date	Date

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