

OBTS Number		PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT			1. Arrest 2. N.T.A.	3. Request For Warrant 4. Request For Capias	1	Juvenile	N
Agency ORI Number FLO 5 0 0 0 0		Agency Name PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE			Agency Report Number 06 18-024368				
Charge Type: Check as many as apply		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Felony <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Traffic Felony <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Traffic Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Other _____			Special Notes				
Defendant Name (Last, First, Middle) MUSE KATHERINE		JEAN			Race W	Sex F	Date of Birth 3/25/79		
Charge Dealing in stolen goods		Charge False verification of ownership							
Charge FRAUDULENT USE OF PERSONAL I.D. INFORMATION (victim < 18 or >60)		Charge GRAND THEFT FROM PERSON 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER							
Victim Name (Last, First, Middle) DACRUZ HELEN		D			Race W	Sex F	Date of Birth 6/24/27		
Local Address (Street, Apt. Number) 3698 N QUAIL RIDGE DR		City BOYNTON BEACH	State FL	Zip 33437	Phone 305-778-7899	Address Source VERBAL			
Business Address (Street, Apt. Number)		City	State	Zip	Phone	Occupation RETIRED			
The undersign 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"/> confessed to admitting to the below facts.									
<input type="checkbox"/> was observed by _____ who told _____ that he/she saw the arrested person commit the below acts.									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was found to have committed the below acts, resulting from (described) investigation.									
On the 12 day of OCTOBER 20 17 at 0800 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM									

On 1/10/18 it was requested I review this case to identify any investigative leads. Upon reviewing the original report, it was determined that this incident occurred on 10/12/17 at the location of 3698 N Quail Ridge Dr within the unincorporated city limits of Boynton Beach in Palm Beach County, FL. This location is a multi unit dwelling of the victim who is identified as Helen Dacruz.

On 1/9/18 the victim and her son, Leslie Dacruz contacted PBSO to inform them of a fraudulent bank transaction and the theft of jewelry. D/S Lopez, ID 9018, responded to the location to initiate the investigation.

D/S Lopez was told the following: Last year Helen employed a white female, Katherine Muse, as a home health aide. Leslie recently took over her finances and noticed that there was a personal check cashed by "Katherine Muse" in October of 2017. Leslie asked his mother if she had written out a check to Katherine and his mother stated she did not. Upon further investigation into her Wells Fargo account he noticed his mother's Wells Fargo credit card was used to pay \$600 to FPL which was not his mother's account and another charge to the credit card to an unknown internet site. All together he found three unauthorized charges on his mother's Wells Fargo account. Wells Fargo was notified and was in the process of refunding the charges back to her account.

I contacted Leslie and Helen who reiterated the facts as contained in the original report stating that there was also several pieces of jewelry missing from his mother's residence. I advised him that I would need a copy of all of the bank documents.

The property recovery system was accessed and two transactions were found completed by Katherine Muse. These two transactions both occurred at the Value Pawn located at 4764 Okeechobee Blvd. On 11/6/17 under transaction 1344066 Muse sold a ring and gold Mexican peso (\$200) for a total received of \$750 which was completed by employee Brian Cain. On 11/8/17 under transaction 1344131 Muse sold two rings and a bracelet for a total received of \$800 which was completed by employee Candido Santiago. Each of these pawn transaction forms were signed at the bottom and had a fingerprint stamped on the bottom right corner. I conducted digitally recorded sworn statements with the respective employees attesting that Muse presented her state issued ID, signing the presented forms attesting ownership and witnessed her affixing her right thumb print on said forms.

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On 2/19/18 I collected the pawn transaction forms and took photographs of the Items sold. On 2/22/18 I met with Helen who was now admitted to a rehabilitation facility and conducted a digitally recorded sworn statement. During the interview I showed Helen pictures of the pawned Items and she identified one ring as hers, a oval shaped ring which was identified as a lady's ring size 8 having 16 stones in 18k yellow gold purchased at \$150 under transaction 1344131. Helen reiterated that she did not give Muse permission to sell her ring. Helen also said that she never gave Muse permission to use her credit cards or access any of her bank accounts.

A subpoena was drafted for Wells Fargo to provide copies of Helen's bank statements for the month of October and to provide any additional information of the transaction from 10/12/17 to Muse. The details of the transaction is as follows:

Capital One Bank RTN: [REDACTED]

date: 10/13/2017

[REDACTED] *KATHERINE MU

**ACH transaction

trace [REDACTED] unable to locate account number for credit amount \$582.14.

Bank name: Capital One Bank

A request was then made to Capital One Bank for account information relating to where the money was received. On 4/10/18, Investigator Schmitt from Capital One Bank provided me with account information for who received the money. The account is listed as owned by Muse under account number [REDACTED]. Under the Payments tab of the spreadsheet sent, there is a corresponding entry on 10/12/17 for \$582.14. I was explained by Inv. Schmitt that the payment occurred from a mobile cellphone application and that Muse would have entered Helen's account and routing number to make a payment to her Capital One Bank account. This account is currently close due to unrelated fraudulent activity.

On 4/18/18 Muse was located at her residence at 1694 E Breezy Way. Muse was relocated to the District 6 substation where I conducted an audio/video recorded interview. I read Muse her constitutional rights from a preprinted card and she understood them. I then discussed and showed Muse the two pawn transaction forms which she admitted she completed. I then showed Muse the pictures of the Items that were sold and asked her where the ring that Helen identified as hers came from and she said that it was from a person she cared for as an aide. I asked her if it was Helen Dacruz and she said yes. I asked her if there was anything else of Helen's pictured and she identified the Mexican gold peso as also being Helen's. I asked Muse where the other Items came from and she said another person she cared for named Delores.

I then asked Muse about the Capital One mobile payment and she admitted that she had used Helen's checking account information to make a payment to her Capital One credit card account for \$582.14 without her permission. I asked her about any other charges that she made with Helen's banking information and she also admitted to making two FPL payments and a few online purchases for her children's Christmas presents.

Through the course of my investigation I determined that probable cause exists to charge Katherine Muse with the following: two counts of dealing in stolen goods, violation of FSS 812.019 1; two counts of false verification of ownership, violation of FSS 538.04 4a; Fraudulent use of personal I.D. information victim over 60, violation of FSS 817.568 6; and Grand theft from person over 65 years of age or older, violation of FSS 812.0145 2c.

The foregoing instrument was sworn to and affirmed before me this <u>18</u> day of <u>April</u> 20 <u>18</u> , by:	
<u>Det Fleming #7725</u> Name of Notary Public / Clerk of Court / Officer (F.S.S. 117.00)	<u>DET. W GOLDSTEIN</u> 7531 Name of Arresting/Investigating Officer
<u>[Signature]</u> Signature of Notary Public / Clerk of Court / Officer (F.S.S. 117.00)	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature of Arresting/Investigating Officer

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