


A D M I N I S T R A T I O N	OBTS Number		ARREST / NOTICE TO APPEAR				1. Arrest 2. N.T.A.		3. Request for Warrant 4. Request for Capias		3	JUVENILE																								
	Agency ORI Number 0502600		Agency Name Palm Beach Gardens Police Department				Agency Report Number (N.T.A.'s only) 7 1 8 16-004413																													
	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		If Weapon Seized Enter Type		Multiple Clearance Indicator																											
D E F E N D A N T	Location of Arrest (Including Name of Business)						Location of Offense (Business Name, Address) 3300 PGA BLVD 430, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410																													
	Date of Arrest	Time of Arrest	Booking Date	Booking Time	Jail Date	Jail Time	Location of Vehicle																													
	Name (Last, First, Middle) MASTERS, STEPHEN FRANCIS						Alias (Name, DOB, Soc. Sec. #, Etc.) Alias:																													
J U V E N I L E	Race W - White B - Black		Sex M		Date of Birth 11/02/1988		Height 5'10		Weight		Eye Color HAZEL		Hair Color BROWN		Complexion FAIR		Build																			
	Scars, Marks, Tattoos, Unique Physical Features (Location, Type, Description) TATT R WRIST / LINE TATTOO SPINY LOBSTER						Marital Status S		Religion		Indication of Alcohol Influence Drug Influence Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unk. <input type="checkbox"/>																									
	Local Address (Street, Apt. Number) 16560 93RD RD NORTH, LOXAHATCHEE, FL 33470--						(City) (State) (Zip)		Phone (561) 293-9995		Residence Type: 1. City 2. County 3. Florida 4. Out of State 2																									
C O D E D	Permanent Address (Street, Apt. Number) 16560 93RD RD NORTH, LOXAHATCHEE, FL 33470--						(City) (State) (Zip)		Phone (561) 293-9995		Address Source																									
	Business Address (Name, Street) SUNLINE CIVIL CONSTRUCTION, PALM CITY, FL						(City) (State) (Zip)		Phone (771) 221-8772		Occupation Load Operator																									
	D/L Number, State M236786884020 / FL		Soc. Sec. Number		INS Number		Place of Birth (City, State) FL, United States Of		Citizenship US																											
C O D E D	Co-Defendant Name (Last, First, Middle)						Race		Sex		Date of Birth		<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> 2. At Large <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Felony <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Juvenile																							
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Custodian Name (Last, First, Middle)						Residence Phone																													
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	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																									
C O D E D	The above address was provided by <input type="checkbox"/> defendant and/or <input type="checkbox"/> 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.						School Attended		Grade																											
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, by: <input type="checkbox"/> No.						Property Crime? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Description of Property						Value of Property																					
	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											
C H A R G E	Charge Description THEFT - THEFT GRAND \$20,000-\$100,000						Statute Violation Number 812.014(2)(B)(1)						Violation of ORD #																							
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	Charge Description FORGERY - UTTER/PASS FORGED/COUNTERFEIT BANK BILL/NOTE/CHECK						Statute Violation Number 831.09						Violation of ORD #																							
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	Charge Description SCHEME TO DEFRAUD						Statute Violation Number 817.034(3)(D)						Violation of ORD #																							
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I N T A K E	Health / Apparent Physical Condition of Defendant						Any knowledge of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Mental <input type="checkbox"/> Escape Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Medication <input type="checkbox"/> Deformities <input type="checkbox"/> Injuries																													
	Check which applies: <input type="checkbox"/> Released O.R. <input type="checkbox"/> Released to Parent/Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> T.O.T. County Jail <input type="checkbox"/> Posted Bond <input type="checkbox"/> South County Mental Health						PROPERTY - Received By		Released By		Released To																									
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N O T I C E T O A P P E A R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INSTRUCTION NO. 1 - Mandatory appearance in court <input type="checkbox"/> 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 TO AND 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						Signature of Arresting Officer D. DORE						Name Verification (Printed by Arrestee)																							
A D M I N	<input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous <input type="checkbox"/> Suicidal						<input type="checkbox"/> Resisted Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Other						Name of Arresting Officer (Print) DORE, NEIL						I.D. # 326																	
	Intake Deputy						I.D. #						Pouch #						Transporting Officer						I.D. #						Agency					
	Witness here if subject signed with an "X".						PAGE 1 OF 1																													

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Charge Description <b>812.014(2)(B)(1) THEFT - THEFT GRAND \$20,000-\$100,000</b>				Charge Description <b>831.09 FORGERY - UTTER/PASS FORGED/COUNTERFEIT BAN</b>									
Charge Description <b>817.034(3)(D) SCHEME TO DEFRAUD</b>													
Victim's Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>LEVINE LAW GROUP,</b>								Race		Sex		Date of Birth	
Local Address (Street, Apt. Number) <b>3300 PGA BLVD, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410</b>				(City) 		(State) 		(Zip) 		Phone <b>(561) 293-0830</b>		Address Source	
Business Address (Name, Street) 				(City) 		(State) 		(Zip) 		Phone 		Occupation 	
<p>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.</p> <p>The Person taken into custody . . .</p> <p> <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.       </p> <p> <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.       </p> <p>On the <b>26</b> day of <b>August</b>, <b>2016</b> at <b>09:00</b> (Specifically include facts constituting cause for arrest.)</p> <p>On 08-26-16 I was assigned the following grand theft and scheme to defraud investigation which, originated at Levine Law Group at 3300 PGA Blvd in the City of Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach County Florida. Responding road patrol Officer Ayala, ID# 418 reported the following:</p> <p>"On 8/24/2016 at approximately 10:20 a.m., I responded to 3300 PGA Blvd (Levine Law Group) located in Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach County Florida in reference to a fraud.</p> <p>On arrival, I made contact with Jay Levine who stated the following. Levine said that he hired [REDACTED] (DOB 02/01/89) on approximate date of 7/20/2015. Levine said that on 8/23/2016 he discovered that [REDACTED] who had possession of company checks was writing checks to herself and to her fiancé Stephen F. Masters (DOB 11/02/88.) Levine said that [REDACTED] hid the records of all checks made out to her and her fiancé in the internal records. All entries she did were done manually by [REDACTED]. When Levine would look at the statements, the records showed that all vendors were being paid.</p> <p>It appears that [REDACTED] began to type her name and her fiancé's name on the Levine Law Group BB&amp;T account number [REDACTED], beginning on 12/28/2015 through 8/19/2016.</p> <p>I was able to make contact with [REDACTED] via telephone twice. On both occasions, [REDACTED] stated she was on her way to 10500 North Military Trail to give a statement. [REDACTED] never arrived at the Police station to give her statement.</p> <p>Levine provided 32 copies of checks made out to [REDACTED] and 36 copies of checks made out to Stephen Masters. Levine also stated that Masters has never worked for his company so there is no reason for him to be receiving any checks from Levine's company. The estimated amount taken by [REDACTED] is over \$50,000 according to Levine."</p>													
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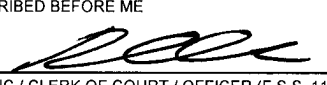
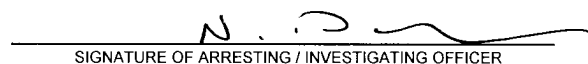
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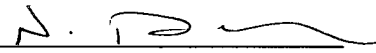
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<p>I interviewed and took a sworn, videotaped statement from victim Levine at his office on 11-17-16. Levine told me he became aware something was wrong when his bank called him on or around 08-08-16, informing him there were insufficient funds in the trust fund account to clear a check for \$6,000. Levine relayed the information to [REDACTED] who said she made a mistake and put the money in the operating fund instead of the trust fund. Levine asked his paralegals, Courtney Schrader and Kaitlin Laganelli to look into the incident as it sounded suspicious to him. After this incident, Levine later discovered the number of fraudulent checks written to [REDACTED] and Masters increased in frequency. Levine believes [REDACTED] knew her scheme was about to be discovered so she wanted to get more money before being terminated. Levine terminated [REDACTED] on 08-19-16. Levine considers [REDACTED] transfers of trust monies was gross negligence which, she knew from her training, was a bar violation and conducted without Levine's knowledge or permission. Levine reports he has been practicing law in the State of Florida for 40 years, without reprimand. The bar violation may lead to a license suspension or formal reprimand against Levine which, would remain on his history for the next 10 years. A suspension or reprimand would adversely affect Levine's current business reputation and potential for future business. Levine has used his personal money to make the trust account whole. As of this writing, a final ruling from the bar has not been determined. Levine states [REDACTED] concealed her scheme to defraud the business by altering the QuickBooks records to make it appear as if the vendors were being paid as usual. [REDACTED] would actually issue those check numbers to herself or her fiancé, Stephen Masters for much larger amounts. She would keep a positive balance in the operating account by transferring money from the company trust fund.</p> <p>Levine did not authorize any of the checks made payable to [REDACTED] or Masters. Levine's signature on each check is fraudulent. Levine has never authorized anyone to sign his name to a check; he is the only authorized signer on the account. Masters has never been an employee of Levine Law Group. Through the coordination of [REDACTED] Masters once assembled an office desk free of charge at the Boca Raton office. Masters has never performed any other labor or service for Levine or the Levine Law Group. Levine has no personal relationship with [REDACTED] or Masters. Levine does not suspect any other employee of the crime. [REDACTED] was the sole bookkeeper for the business during the time period in question. There have been no similar incidents before [REDACTED] was hired or after her termination.</p> <p>On 08-26-16 I called defendant [REDACTED]. She told me she did not show up at the palm Beach Gardens Police Department to meet with Officer Ayala on 8-25-16 because she wanted to speak with an attorney. I told [REDACTED] I would called her back the following week to give her time to consult an attorney. On 8-30-16 I called [REDACTED] again, at which time she told me to call her attorney, Stephen Lankau (561-352-6767.) On 09-07-16, Lankau confirmed he was representing [REDACTED] and Masters. Subsequent calls to Lankau went unreturned.</p>							
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<p>On 09-19-16, I subpoenaed the company bank records including canceled checks from BB&amp;T bank. The certified copies of the canceled checks in question were cashed at two separate Walmart locations in Palm Beach County. Walmart store #3348 located at 101 N. Congress Ave in Lake Park and store # 9900 Belvedere Rd. in West Palm Beach.</p> <p>Defendant [REDACTED] had 15 checks totaling \$11,909.52 cashed in her name at Walmart store # 3348 (Congress Ave) and 17 checks totaling \$10,208.25 cashed in her name at Walmart store #1541 (Belvedere Rd.) Total amount of checks cashed in defendant [REDACTED] name is \$22,117.67. [REDACTED] did also fraudulently cash a petty cash check valued at \$250.00 and make an unauthorized on-line purchase of a Samsung Tablet for \$329.55. Store surveillance video from the Money Center of two Walmart stores show a white female cashing fraudulent checks on three occasions. Victim Levine identified the suspect as [REDACTED] in still photos taken from the video. Witness Courtney Schrader, former co-worker of [REDACTED] also identified [REDACTED] in the photos taken from surveillance video.</p> <p>Defendant Masters had five checks totaling \$3,340.10 cashed in his name at Walmart store #3348 (Congress Ave) and 31 checks totaling \$23,686.93 cashed in his name at Walmart store #1541 (Belvedere Rd.) Total amount of checks cashed in defendant Masters name is \$27,027.03. Store surveillance video shows a white male subject with a line tattoo on right forearm (also seen in photos on Masters and [REDACTED] Facebook account) cashing fraudulent checks in his name on 23 occasions at the Money Centers of the two Walmart stores. Master's employment supervisor, witness Robert J. Dick, identified Masters from a surveillance video still photo. Witness Courtney Schrader also identified Masters as the subject in the surveillance still photo.</p> <p>Although surveillance video does not show the defendant and co-defendant together at the same time in any store, Masters would have to be working in concert with [REDACTED] to obtain the 36 fraudulent checks cashed in his name over the eight-month period, as he was never an employee of Levine Law Group.</p> <p>Based on the sworn statement provided the victim supported by certified bank documents and surveillance video, probable cause exists the defendant, [REDACTED] and co-defendant, Stephen F. Masters did each intentionally and unlawfully engage in an on-going Scheme to Defraud the victim contrary to F.S.S. 817.034(3)(D), Grand Theft contrary to F.S.S. 812.014(2)(B)(1), and Uttering a Forged Instrument contrary to F.S.S. 831.09 and are charged with one count of each.</p>											
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