

ARREST / NOTICE TO APPEAR

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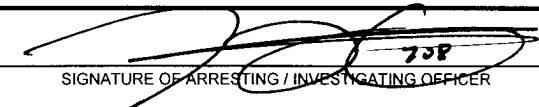
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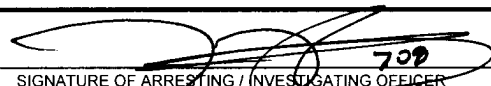
AD M I N I S T R A T I O N	OBTS Number	Agency ORI Number 0500200		Agency Name Boca Raton Police Department		Agency Report Number (N.T.A.'s only) 3, 2 2019-005400								
D E F E N D A N T	Charge Type: Check as many as apply ☒ 1. Felony ☐ 2. Traffic Felony ☐ 3. Misdemeanor ☐ 4. Traffic Misdemeanor ☐ 5. Ordinance ☐ 6. Other		If Weapon Seized Enter Type		Multiple Clearance Indicator									
	Location of Arrest (Including Name of Business)				Location of Offense (Business Name, Address) 1339 W PALMETTO PARK RD, BOCA RATON, FL 33432									
	Date of Arrest	Time of Arrest	Booking Date	Booking Time	Jail Date	Jail Time	Location of Vehicle							
	Name (Last, First, Middle) DENNIS, TARA N						Alias (Name, DOB, Soc. Sec. #, Etc.)							
C O D E F	Race W - White I - American Indian B - Black O - Oriental/Asian W		Sex F	Date of Birth 02/28/1976	Height 5'09	Weight 165	Eye Color BROWN	Hair Color BROWN	Complexion LIGHT	Build Med				
	Scars, Marks, Tattoos, Unique Physical Features (Location, Type, Description)				Marital Status S	Religion	Indication of: Alcohol Influence Yes ☐ No ☐ Unk ☒ Drug Influence Yes ☐ No ☐ Unk ☒							
	Local Address (Street, Apt. Number) (City) (State) (Zip) 7600 ELMRIDGE DR, BOCA RATON, FL 33433				Phone		Residence Type: 1. City 3. Florida 2. County 4. Out of State 2							
	Permanent Address (Street, Apt. Number) (City) (State) (Zip) 7600 ELMRIDGE DR, BOCA RATON, FL 33433				Phone		Address Source FL DL							
	Business Address (Name, Street) (City) (State) (Zip) SELF, 660 GLADES RD #210				Phone		Occupation Doctor							
	D/L Number, State D520814765680 / FL		Soc. Sec. Number	INS Number		Place of Birth (City, State) MD, United States Of		Citizenship US						
C O D E F	Co-Defendant Name (Last, First, Middle)				Race	Sex	Date of Birth		☐ 1. Arrested ☐ 3. Felony ☐ 5. Juvenile ☐ 2. At Large ☐ 4. Misdemeanor					
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J U V E N I L E	☐ Parent ☐ Other: _____ Name (Last, First, Middle)				Residence Phone									
	☐ Legal Custodian Address (Street, Apt. Number) (City) (State) (Zip)				Business Phone									
	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	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							
	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 Description POSSESSION OF SCH IV (ZOLPIDEM)				Statute Violation Number 893.13(6A)		Violation of ORD #							
C H A R G E	Drug Activity	Drug Type	Amount / Unit	Offense #	Counts	Domestic Violence	Warrant / Capias Number		Bond					
	P	N	/		4	☐ Y ☒ N								
C H A R G E	Charge Description FRAUD IN OBTAINING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS				Statute Violation Number 831.30		Violation of ORD #							
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C H A R G E	N	N	/		4	☐ Y ☒ N								
	Charge Description FRAUDULENT USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION				Statute Violation Number 817.568(2A)		Violation of ORD #							
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I N T A K E	Health / Apparent Physical Condition of Defendant				Any knowledge of the following: ☐ Mental ☐ Escape Risk ☐ Medication ☐ Deformities ☐ Injuries Explain:									
	Check which applies: ☐ Released O.R. ☐ Released to Parent/Guardian ☐ T.O.T. County Jail ☐ Posted Bond ☒ South County Mental Health				PROPERTY - Received By		Released By		Released To					
	Transported By				Date Transported	Time Transported	Other							
N O T I C E	☐ 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) South County 200 W Atlantic Ave Delray Beach, FL 33444 Court Date and Time TBD									
	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.													
T O A P P E A R	Signature of Defendant (or Juvenile and Parent/Custodian)				Date Signed									
	Signature of Arresting Officer GENTILCORE, T. N.				Name Verification (Printed by Arrestee) (PRINT)									
A D M I N	☐ Dangerous ☐ Suicidal		☐ Resisted Arrest ☐ Other		Name of Arresting Officer (Print) GENTILCORE, T. N.		ID. # 708		PAGE 1 OF 1					
	Intake Deputy	ID. #	Pouch #	Transporting Officer	ID. #	Agency	Witness here if subject signed with an "X".							

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

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	Charge Description 817.568(2A) FRAUDULENT USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION				Charge Description				
V I C T I M	Victim's Name (Last, First, Middle) EMMETT, SARAH HIGGINS						Race W	Sex F	Date of Birth 12/26/1990
	Local Address (Street, Apt. Number) (City) (State) (Zip) 143 SEMINOLE AVE, PALM BEACH, FL 33480				Phone (516) 506-3369		Address Source		
	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 ... ☐ committed the below acts in my presence. ☐ confessed to _____ admitting to the below facts. ☒ was observed by KATERIA TAFE who told DET. GENTILCORE that he/she saw the arrested person commit the below acts. ☒ was found to have committed the below acts, resulting from my (described) investigation. On the 17 day of May, 2019 at 09:02 (Specifically include facts constituting cause for arrest.)									
Victim List (continued) Victim#2-Alexis Testrake, 1400 SW 3rd St., Boca Raton, FL, 33486 561-537-6395 Victim#3-Karen Giraldo, 5390 SW 9th St., Margate, FL, 33068 561-376-3466 Victim #4-Milena Candiotta, 271 E. Coral Trace Cir, Delray Beach, FL, 33445 954-663-5198 On April 17, 2019 Boca Raton Police Department Officer Volguardson took a report regarding possible prescription fraud at Publix (Store 4154), 1339 W. Palmetto Park Road, see BRPD initial report 2019-005400. Publix pharmacist Joel Garcia, who was new to this location and just conducted an audit of the pharmacy, reported an unusual amount of Ambien, generic name Zolpidem, being dispensed from this particular Publix pharmacy location. Upon further inspection Garcia noticed many of these Ambien pills were being prescribed by Dr. Tara Dennis. When specifically reviewing the prescriptions written by Dr. Dennis, Garcia made several observations. Dennis herself was picking up the prescriptions, she (Dr. Dennis) listed her office number as the patient number and although Dr. Dennis is a gynecologist, two of the patients noted by Garcia were male. Garcia told Officer Volguardson that he contacted Dr. Dennis who told him (Garcia) that she picked up the prescriptions as a courtesy to her patients. On April 22, 2019 I spoke with Publix senior healthcare attorney Adam Maingot. He told me he had spoken with pharmacist Joel Garcia and pharmacist technician Kateria Tafe from store 4154. Garcia told Maingot about the police report filed and relayed the concerns noted above to Maingot. Maingot told me that Publix wanted to cooperate in any way possible with the investigation and later provided patient profiles and prescriptions written to Dr. Dennis' patients for Ambien during the months of January through April 2019. Maingot said he also spoke with pharmacy technician Tafe who told him she personally called one Dr. Dennis' patients, Sarah Higgins Emmett, who stated she was not aware of the prescription for Ambien. Higgins Emmett told Tafe she did not fill her prescriptions at this location as she does not live in the area. A short time later,									
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Dr. Dennis called the pharmacy and spoke with Tafe. Dr. Dennis asked why Tafe was calling her patients and Tafe advised she was just confirming the prescription. Tafe then confronted Dr. Dennis with the patient being unaware of the prescription to which Dr. Dennis stated that the patient must be confused. I later spoke with Tafe in person who confirmed this statement. On April 22, 2019 I conducted a check of E-FORCSE, the prescription monitoring database, for prescriptions written by Dr. Dennis for controlled substances within the previous year. I noted that since late December 2018 into early January 2019 Dr. Dennis has had a large increase in the patients she wrote Zolpidem (generic name for Ambien) prescriptions, specifically those who fill them at Publix store 4154. Prior to December 2018 it appears only four of Dr. Dennis' patients were receiving Zolpidem prescriptions and filling them at Publix store 4154. Beginning the end of December 2018, twelve of Dr. Dennis' other patients, whom had never previously received Zolpidem were listed as filling Zolpidem prescriptions at Publix store 4154 and paying without using insurance. One of these patients also included a male. On April 26, 2019 I spoke with Florida Department of Health Investigator Kathleen Healy-Baez. She told me she was also currently investigating a complaint regarding Dr. Dennis. Healy-Baez said she went to Publix store 4154 spoke to Tafe, Garcia and watched video of what appeared to be Dr. Dennis picking up several prescriptions on April 13, 2019. A check of Dr. Dennis' personal E-FORCSE shows she did not pick up a prescription for herself on this date or at this location. It should be noted however that Dr. Dennis did pick up a prescription for Zolpidem at CVS, written to her on April 12, 2019. On April 29, 2019 I began reaching out to several of Dr. Dennis' patients who were recently listed filling Zolpidem prescriptions at Publix store 4154. I spoke with Sarah Alexander who told me she did not fill any prescriptions at Publix Store 4154 and further did not have a prescription for Zolpidem from Dr. Dennis. She stated she has not seen Dr. Dennis in more than six months. Alexander told me that she did not wish to provide a sworn statement at this time. On April 30, 2019 I spoke with Milena Candiottto who in a sworn statement told me she is a patient of Dr. Dennis however she has not seen Dr. Dennis in about six months. Candiottto stated she does not receive Ambien (Zolpidem) from Dr. Dennis and when shown the prescription written to her from Publix in February, Candiottto said she had never seen that document. She further told me she did not fill that prescription, has not used that particular Publix pharmacy in about five years and did not give Dr. Dennis permission to pick any prescriptions on her behalf. Later on April 30, 2019 I spoke with Karen Giraldo who in a sworn statement told me she is a patient of Dr. Dennis however she has not seen Dr. Dennis since about January. Giraldo stated she does not receive Ambien (Zolpidem) from Dr. Dennis and when shown the									
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prescription written to her from Publix in February, Giraldo said she had never seen that document. She also told me she did not fill that prescription, has not used that particular Publix pharmacy, did not give Dr. Dennis permission to pick any prescriptions on her behalf and did not receive this medication from Dr. Dennis. Giraldo said on April 29, 2019 she received a text message from Dr. Dennis stating, "Love if someone says u are my patient and I wrote u ambien say u are aware and it was filled at palmetto and 95 in Boca.. some girl sold me out so just a heads up". Giraldo allowed me to take photographs of the text message and contact information related to the phone number the message was sent from, 561-213-5985. Investigation reveals this phone number is registered to Tara Dennis. On May 6, 2019 I spoke with Alexis Testrake who in a sworn statement told me she is a patient of Dr. Dennis however she has not seen Dr. Dennis in more than six months. Testrake stated she does not receive Ambien (Zolpidem) from Dr. Dennis and when shown the prescription written to her from Publix in February, Testrake said she had never seen that document. She also told me she did not fill that prescription or any subsequent refills and did not give Dr. Dennis permission to pick any prescriptions on her behalf. Later on May 6, 2019 I spoke with Sarah Higgins Emmett who in a sworn statement told me she is a patient of Dr. Dennis however she has not seen Dr. Dennis since January 2019. Emmett stated she does not receive Ambien (Zolpidem) from Dr. Dennis and when shown the prescription written to her from Publix on January 18, 2019, Emmett said she had never seen that document. Emmett stated she did get a prescription from Dr. Dennis for another health concern during her visit in January, however it was not Ambien. She said she does not fill her prescriptions at this Publix, was never provided with any Ambien and did not give Dr. Dennis permission to pick any prescriptions on her behalf. Emmett also told me Dr. Dennis reached out to her via text message on April 17, 2019 when the pharmacy staff originally called to question the prescriptions. Emmett told Dr. Dennis she did not speak to the pharmacy staff, however Emmett actually told the pharmacy staff she does not take Ambien. Emmett additionally stated Dr. Dennis did not have permission to use her name for any prescriptions or pick up any prescriptions on her behalf. She later allowed me to take photos of the texts messages and contact information from the phone number they were sent from, 561-213-5985, previously identified as being registered to Tara Dennis. On May 7, 2019 I went to 660 W. Glades Road, #210, Boca Raton in an attempt to speak with Dr. Dennis. Dr. Dennis was not yet back from the hospital and while waiting I spoke with Dr. Kenneth Konsker. It should be noted that based on the E-FORCSE report for Dr. Dennis, Dr. Konsker has written prescriptions for Ambien to Dennis as recently as January 14, 2019 with the most refill being completed on April 12, 2019. When asked about this particular prescription Dr. Konsker told me that Dr. Dennis is not his patient and he has never written her a prescription for Ambien or any other drug. It							
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should be noted Dr. Konsker later refused to prosecute Dennis reference this matter. When speaking with Dr. Konsker I asked him if it is out of the ordinary for a physician to pick up prescriptions for patients. Dr. Konsker stated it is absolutely out of the ordinary, said he does not pick up prescriptions for his patients and does not know of any other doctors who do. Later on May 7, 2019 I met with Dr. Tara Dennis, whom after being read her Constitutional Warnings stated she did not wish to make a statement. On May 10, 2019 I received several videos from Publix store 4154 showing Dr. Dennis picking up prescriptions for Alexander, Candiottto, Giraldo, Testrake and Emmett during the months of January, February, March and April of 2019. This video was collected by Publix Store 4154 Assistant Manager Crissy Hannigan. On May 14, 2019 a lineup was conducted by Det. Daniels with Publix store 4154 pharmacy technician Kateria Tafe who provided service to Dr. Dennis during several of the above transactions. Tafe later choose Dr. Dennis` photo as the person she provided these prescriptions to. Based upon the above information: Tara Dennis was unlawfully and knowingly in actual or constructive possession of Zolpidem (Ambien), a schedule IV drug, contrary to Florida Statute 893.13(6)(a). Tara Dennis did unlawfully and knowingly forge a prescription for a medicinal drug, to-wit: Zolpidem (Ambien), a schedule IV drug controlled by Chapter 893 and did knowingly cause such prescription to be falsely forged and passed, uttered or published such prescription as true, with intent to obtain said drug, contrary to Florida Statute 831.30. Tara Dennis did willfully and without authorization fraudulently use, or possess with the intent to fraudulently use, personal identification information concerning Milena Candiottto/Karen Giraldo/Alexis Testrake/Sarah Higgins Emmett without first obtaining Milena Candiottto/Karen Giraldo/Alexis Testrake/Sarah Higgins Emmett`s consent, contrary to Florida Statute 817.568(2)(a).							
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