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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

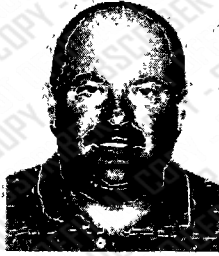
STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff, :

VS.

WARRANT TO ARREST

21-9733
FJ



Jeffrey Michael Stewart
(W/M DOB 2/27/1968)

Defendant, :

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IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, TO ALL AND SINGULAR THE
SHERIFFS AND CONSTABLES OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND/OR TO AGENTS
OF THE FOLLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES:

DAVIE POLICE DEPARTMENT
SUNRISE POLICE DEPARTMENT
BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Detective Viviana Gallinal, of the Davie Police Department, County of Broward, State of Florida, has this 13th day of November, A.D. 2021, made application for an Arrest Warrant via electronic means pursuant to F.S. 901.02(3), said application being supported by the General Affidavit for an Arrest Warrant, wherein it is alleged that the Affiant has reason to believe and does believe that one Jeffrey Michael Stewart, W/M DOB 2/27/1968, did then and there:

COUNT I

TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE F.S. 914.22(1)(a)

COUNT II

SOLICIT CHARITABLE FUNDS IN UNIFORM F.S. 496.415(11)

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COUNT III

UNTIMELY PAYMENT OF CHARITABLE FUNDS F.S. 496.415(15)

COUNT IV

UNTIMELY PAYMENT OF CHARITABLE FUNDS F.S. 496.415(15)

COUNT V

GRAND THEFT F.S. 812.014

COUNT VI

GRAND THEFT F.S. 812.014

Between the dates of the 2nd of November, 2018 and 10th of April 2019, in the County and State aforesaid, Jeffrey Michael Stewart DOB 2/27/1968 did commit:

Between March 18, 2019 and April 10, 2019, in the County and State aforesaid, the defendant, **Jeffrey Stewart**, did then and there unlawfully and knowingly use or attempt to use intimidation and/or engage in misleading conduct toward another person with the intent to cause or induce [REDACTED] to withhold testimony from an official investigation more particularly described as **Grand Theft**, a third degree felony, contrary to F.S. 914.22(1)(a) and F.S. 914.22(2)(b), (L6).

On November 2, 2018, in the County and State aforesaid, the defendant, **Jeffrey Stewart**, did then and there unlawfully and knowingly solicit contributions from another person or organization while wearing the uniform of a law enforcement officer, or while on duty as a law enforcement officer, to wit; appeared on WSVN News requesting charitable donations, contrary to F.S. 496.415(11) and F.S. 496.417, (L3).

Between November 13, 2018 and December 31, 2018, in the County and State aforesaid, the defendant, **Jeffrey Stewart**, did then and there unlawfully and knowingly, fail to provide complete and timely payment to a sponsor of the proceeds from a solicitation campaign or a charitable or sponsor sales promotion, to wit; [REDACTED] contrary to F.S. 496.415(15) and F.S. 496.417, (L3).

Between June 11, 2018 and December 31, 2018, in the County and State aforesaid, the defendant, **Jeffrey Stewart**, did then and there unlawfully and knowingly, fail to provide complete and timely payment to a sponsor of the proceeds from a solicitation campaign or a charitable or sponsor sales promotion, to wit; St. David Catholic School Taylor Lee Scholarship, contrary to F.S. 496.415(15) and F.S. 496.417, (L3).

Between November 13, 2018 and December 31, 2018, in the County and State aforesaid, the defendant, **Jeffrey Stewart**, did then and there unlawfully and knowingly obtain or endeavor to obtain the property of [REDACTED] to-wit: charity proceeds of the value of \$750.00 or

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more, but less than \$5,000.00, with the intent to either temporarily or permanently deprive [REDACTED] of the right to the property or a benefit from the property, or to appropriate the property to his own use or the use of any person not entitled to the use of the property, contrary to F.S. 812.014(1)(a), F.S. 812.014(1)(b) and F.S. 812.014(2)(c), (L3).

Between June 11, 2018 and December 31, 2018, in the County and State aforesaid, the defendant, **Jeffrey Stewart**, did then and there unlawfully and knowingly obtain or endeavor to obtain the property of **St. David Catholic School Taylor Lee Scholarship**, to-wit: charity proceeds of the value of \$750.00 or more, but less than \$5,000.00, with the intent to either temporarily or permanently deprive **St. David Catholic School Taylor Lee Scholarship** of the right to the property or a benefit from the property, or to appropriate the property to his own use or the use of any person not entitled to the use of the property, contrary to F.S. 812.014(1)(a), F.S. 812.014(1)(b) and F.S. 812.014(2)(c), (L3).

The offense(s) set forth in the foregoing Warrant are contrary to the statute(s) in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida. Attached hereto and made a part hereof by incorporation is the Affidavit executed by Detective Viviana Gallinal, Affiant herein.

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to command you forthwith to arrest the said **Jeffrey Michael Stewart DOB 2/27/1968**, and bring him before me to be dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand and seal this 13 day of Oct, 2021.


HONORABLE Judge Edward Merrigan Jr.
Judge of the Circuit Court

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

STATE OF FLORIDA

Plaintiff,

vs

ORDER SETTING BOND

**Jeffrey Michael Stewart Defendant
W/M DOB 2/27/1968**

The court hereby sets bond in the above-captioned case as follows:

I. TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE F.S. 914.22(1)(a)

BOND AMOUNT: 1,000

II. SOLICIT CHARITABLE FUNDS IN UNIFORM F.S. 496.415(11)

BOND AMOUNT: 2,000

III. UNTIMELY PAYMENT OF CHARITABLE FUNDS F.S. 496.415(15)

BOND AMOUNT: 2,000

IV. UNTIMELY PAYMENT OF CHARITABLE FUNDS F.S. 496.415(15)

BOND AMOUNT: 2,000

V. GRAND THEFT F.S. 812.014

BOND AMOUNT: 5,000

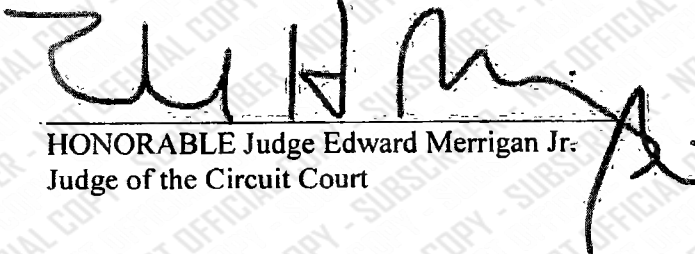
VI. GRAND THEFT F.S. 812.014

BOND AMOUNT: 5,000

SPECIAL BOND CONDITIONS

1. No victim contact

Given under my hand and seal this 13 day of Oct, 2021.


HONORABLE Judge Edward Merrigan Jr.
Judge of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA

PLAINTIFF,

AFFIDAVIT TO ARREST

vs

Jeffrey Michael Stewart Defendant
W/M DOB 2/27/1968

BEFORE ME, Judge Edward Merrigan Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, personally came, Detective Viviana Gallinal of the Davie Police Department, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says that in the County and State aforesaid, one **Jeffrey Michael Stewart (W/M, DOB 2/27/1968)** did then and there unlawfully commit the following offenses: TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE, contrary to F.S. 914.22(1)(a), SOLICIT CHARITABLE FUNDS IN UNIFORM, contrary to F.S. 496.415(11), two counts of UNTIMELY PAYMENT OF CHARITABLE FUNDS, contrary to F.S. 496.415(15), two counts of GRAND THEFT, contrary to F.S. 812.014.

The following affidavit details the findings of my investigation into allegations of grand theft reported by Davie Police Department (DPD) Officer Jeffrey Stewart, now retired. This investigation was launched by Stewart's request to hurriedly arrest his niece, Danielle Stewart, for what he claimed was grand theft of monies from their jointly set up business account, Random Acts of Kindness Everyday, LLC.

This case initiated Tuesday, 3/12/2019, while I was at my assigned cubicle within the Detective Bureau at the DPD. I was approached by Officer Jeffrey Stewart, a DPD Officer at the time. Stewart stated the purpose of his visit was to inquire whether a crime of grand theft would have been committed if funds raised for charity were withdrawn from a bank account for personal use; even if the subject who withdrew the funds was an authorized account holder/user. More specifically, Stewart began to tell me that around April/May of 2018 he set up a "charity" called Random Acts of Kindness Everyday (RAKE) with his niece, Danielle Stewart, for the purpose of conducting various charitable acts. He claimed the reason he requested Danielle become a partner in his business venture was because he wanted to help her since she was the estranged "black sheep" of the family for some time.

Stewart continued to tell me that around Halloween of 2018, he set up a fundraiser via GoFundMe, (a crowdfunding platform), after a traffic fatality that occurred in Davie. On 10/31/2018 at approximately 1930 hours, while trick-or-treating, a 5 year old and her father were struck by a vehicle and were fatally injured. Subsequently, Stewart dba RAKE set up a GoFundMe account to raise money for the family of the two deceased to assist with funeral expenses and anything else they may need. During about a month time period, the said GoFundMe account raised approximately \$32,000.00. The funds were ultimately deposited into a bank account created for RAKE, which Stewart and Danielle were both authorized account holders/users. Of the money deposited into the RAKE account, Stewart said he paid

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approximately \$10,000 for the funeral arrangements and for the bodies to be sent back to El Salvador where the family is from. Stewart then transferred \$13,000.00 to [REDACTED] (AKA [REDACTED]), the mother/wife of the deceased and beneficiary of the donated funds. Stewart said he kept the remaining balance, \$9,000.00, in the RAKE account in case he, "had to pay taxes on the income."

I asked Stewart if RAKE was established as a non-profit organization 501(c)(3) because that type of business setup does not require income taxes be paid on donations. Stewart said he set up RAKE as a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) and not a 501(c)(3). I then asked why he would have established an LLC if he was conducting business as a charity at which time Stewart advised that setting up a 501(c)(3) was too costly and took too much time to set up. Further, he advised that he was "misinformed" regarding tax laws and was under the impression he had to pay taxes on the \$32,000.00 that was deposited into the RAKE bank account.

Stewart went on to tell me that his niece Danielle stole the \$9,000.00 by using the funds to pay for personal bills and that she also withdrew some of the funds in cash. Stewart was adamant about having Danielle arrested for grand theft and wanted to know if I agreed that a crime occurred and that she should be arrested. I told Stewart that I could not make that determination based on a limited amount of information. I also questioned Stewart as to why he would take personal responsibility for \$32,000.00 that did not belong to him at which time he stated that because the family's immigration status not being legal, they did not have a bank account where the money could have been transferred to them directly. Stewart further stated that the said bank account and business was dissolved towards the end of 2018 after Danielle stole the money.

Stewart insisted that I call the Broward County State Attorney's Office, (SAO), and ascertain if a case like this would be prosecuted. When Stewart left my cubicle, I proceeded to look up, on the open source website GoFundMe, the page that was set up for the family and noticed it had been set up on 11/1/2018. I saw that approximately 650 donors donated over \$32,000.00 for the family. The following is a "cut and paste" of the written solicitation on the said page:

"On Wednesday 10/31 five year old [REDACTED] and her father [REDACTED] were crossing Griffin Road in Davie and were struck by a car. Tragically both people were killed in the accident. The family of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have very limited financial resources and cannot afford the cost of services and burial for their beloved family members. The charitable organization Love and Kindness Everyday & the Silver Ridge Elementary PTA is spearheading the effort to raise money for the family in order to pay for funeral and burial expenses and to offer some financial support in this very difficult time. If anyone can give either through this site or by visiting loveandkindnesseveryday.com, we will ensure that one hundred percent of the funds raised go to help the grieving family. No amount is too small so please consider giving to this family who have suffered such a great loss. Thank You."

It is important to note that I recalled the fatal crash as I served as the DPD Public Information Officer, (PIO), that covered the story. I also recalled that Stewart was interviewed by WSVN 7 news, in his DPD police uniform, in connection to this incident where he solicited funds and instructed donations be given for the family on GoFundMe. An open source check via the

internet confirmed that an article titled "Davie officer aids family who lost father, 5-year-old in Halloween crash" was written on November 2nd, 2018 regarding this event. The link to the said article is <https://wsvn.com/news/local/davie-officer-aids-family-who-lost-father-5-year-old-in-halloween-crash/> and there is a video related to the article where Stewart is soliciting funds for the family of the victims and directing the donations be given via the GoFundMe page. On a later date, in July 2020, I obtained a copy of the said video via a subpoena to WSVN Sunbeam Television.

Below is a chronology of my interaction with Stewart after he first spoke to me regarding this incident:

On Wednesday, 3/13/2019, Stewart continued to contact me to ascertain whether I had spoken to the SAO regarding this case. By this time, I had called the Economic Crimes Unit at the Broward County SAO and left a message but had not spoken to anyone yet. I informed Stewart I called the SAO and was waiting for someone to call me back. It should be noted that Stewart also began to contact my co-worker, DPD Detective Aaron Wahl, and request that he contact the SAO to ask their opinion about this case. At 1447 hours, Stewart sent me a text message on my personal cellular phone stating "I wondered if you could reach out to the state attorney again. I will stop by the office in a little while". I did not respond to the said text message.

On the same day, Stewart came to my cubicle in the afternoon and made contact with me in person again regarding this incident. I explained to Stewart that I had still not spoken to anyone at the SAO. Stewart was very persistent and wanted the issue to be resolved as quickly as possible. During this visit, Stewart began to question whether I thought he would be the victim or if the mother/wife of the deceased, [REDACTED], would be. I told Stewart I could not make that determination without more evidence. Stewart asked me to ask the SAO what their opinion would be with regards to who would be the victim in this case as well.

Over the next few hours and days, Stewart continued to contact me on my personal phone and in person by coming to my cubicle at work. When I was not present or available to speak to him, he would contact and/or speak to my co-worker, Detective Aaron Wahl, regarding the incident. It should be noted that from the time Stewart brought the incident to my attention, Stewart was adamant about starting an investigation against Danielle and completing it as soon as possible with an arrest being the outcome. I had not begun a formal investigation when Stewart began directing the "investigation" by telling me he would provide me with all the documents I needed to make this case "easy for me" and for Danielle to be arrested.

On 03/14/2019, Stewart continued to contact Det. Wahl and I regarding this case. At approximately 1140 hours, I was able to speak to Broward County SAO Economic Crimes Unit ASA Al Guttman and Kathy Heaven, (they were on speaker phone). Based on the limited amount of information I had from Stewart, they advised they thought Orellana-Cruz would be the victim of the monetary loss since she was the beneficiary of the donations. When I hung up with the SAO, I learned that Det. Wahl texted Stewart advising him that I was on the phone with the SAO and it appeared the mother/wife would be the victim. I did not contact Stewart to relay the information because Det. Wahl told me he already did. Later the same day, at 1322 hours, Stewart called my personal phone and left a message. The message stated the following:

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"Hey Viv, it's Stewart. Ah Aaron had text me earlier and said that it's possibly [REDACTED] who's going to be the victim in my case. Um, if that's, if that's the case, that's fine. I just need to know that for sure and then I can go over and make contact with her and um get her to sign an affidavit. The only thing is that you'll have to get a statement from her cause she speaks only Spanish. So, ah, I'll have to have you do that. But, ah, other than that I appreciate you guys doing all this for me and I will do everything I can to make it a very easy case to skate through. Ah, all right? So give me a call when you get a chance and let me know exactly what, ah, what's going on, whether she's the victim and then what we're going to charge her with so I know what to head the case. Alright? Thanks Hun. I appreciate it. My number is 954-253-1397."


I did not immediately respond to Stewart's message and at approximately 1500 hours, on the same date, Stewart again contacted me, in person, at the police department while at my cubicle. Stewart advised that if [REDACTED] was the victim, she would have to want to prosecute and he did not know if she would want to prosecute. I told Stewart I did not know either since I had not spoken to [REDACTED]. It is important to note that Stewart was displaying signs of nervousness and continued to be adamant about something being done regarding this incident.

During this conversation, I again told Stewart that based on the little information that he had provided me thus far, combined with the fact that the solicitation on the GoFundMe page says the organization raising money is a "charitable organization" and "If anyone can give either through this site or by visiting loveandkindnesseveryday.com, we will ensure that one hundred percent of the funds raised go to help the grieving family", the family was entitled to 100% of the funds and the family should be paid the \$9,000.00 that was donated for them. Consequently, Stewart became very agitated and advised that he was not going to pay the \$9,000.00 because Danielle stole the funds and he did not think he was responsible for paying the money. I explained to Stewart that he solicited funds from the public, in a police uniform, and his name was on the bank account that the donated funds were deposited into, yet the funds were not paid in full to the cause stated on the solicitation. Stewart kept insisting that he was not responsible for paying the money; that instead, Danielle is. Furthermore, he had been misinformed regarding paying income taxes, indicating that keeping the \$9,000.00 was justified in case the income would have been taxed. I then explained that if he mistakenly set up an LLC instead of a 501 (c)(3), he should contact a tax expert and attempt to sort the issue out, but again, if he solicited donations under the guise that it was a charitable organization and that "a hundred percent of the funds raised" would go to the family, then 100% of the funds should go to the family. Additionally, I advised Stewart that the determination of whether Danielle stole the funds or not was a separate effort, but [REDACTED] was still entitled to the \$9,000 donated to her. I explained to Stewart that being misinformed on tax laws did not justify the family not receiving the money that approximately 650 people donated for them. Nonetheless, Stewart did not agree and left my cubicle.

Later the same day, Stewart contacted Det. Wahl and advised he had gone to [REDACTED]' last known residential address and learned she no longer lived there. Further, he advised that after speaking to some of the neighbors, he believed [REDACTED] might have moved back to El Salvador. When I learned of this, I grew concerned about Stewart's sense of urgency,

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nervousness and attempts to direct and lead an investigation against his niece with no authority to do so. Stewart's attempt to contact the possible victim, [REDACTED] and his impetuosity was also concerning since it was now mid-March 2019 and the theft allegedly occurred at the end of 2018. Further, Stewart was very eager to make contact with the possible victim in a potential criminal incident that he was involved in. This concern prompted me to make contact with [REDACTED] and ascertain her whereabouts as well as her involvement in this incident.

The following day, on 3/15/2019, I made contact with [REDACTED] via landline and spoke in Spanish. [REDACTED] advised she had not moved back to El Salvador and had just moved to another residence in Hollywood, FL. [REDACTED]. I asked [REDACTED] what her involvement was regarding the aforementioned GoFundMe account. Below is a synopsis of what [REDACTED] advised:

The day after her daughter and husband were killed in the car accident, she was contacted by Ofc. Stewart regarding setting up a fund to help pay for the funeral expenses and other living expenses. Their conversation took place at the elementary school her daughter attended at the time of her death and there was a school employee translating because she does not speak English and Ofc. Stewart does not speak Spanish. She was aware that Ofc. Stewart was setting up a GoFundMe on her behalf and knew that about \$32,000.00 had been raised to help her and her family. [REDACTED] also knew the donated money would not be transferred directly to her because she did not have a bank account at the time of the incident. She knew Ofc. Stewart would be collecting the funds and paying for the funerals and giving her the rest of the money. Ofc. Stewart did pay for the funerals and to have the bodies sent back to El Salvador. He also transferred \$13,000.00 to a Bank of America, (BOA), account she was able to open after the incident. Ofc. Stewart kept about \$9,000.00 because he said he may have to pay taxes on the money. She has not seen, spoken to, or been contacted by Ofc. Stewart since she received the \$13,000.00 nor has she been given any more money. Further, she does not think Ofc. Stewart knows her new address or her whereabouts. When asked if she knew or remembered how she received the \$13,000.00, [REDACTED] advised she believed it was transferred from a BOA account to her BOA account.

Due to Stewart's allegation of theft, combined with what [REDACTED] told me over our phone conversation, on 3/15/2018 I requested a subpoena be issued for the GoFundMe account set up on behalf of the [REDACTED] family. Also, after my phone conversation with [REDACTED] I presumed Stewart did not know her new address or whereabouts and, therefore, he was not going to make contact with her.

However, the following Monday morning, 3/18/2019, at approximately 1020 hours, Stewart called my personal cell phone. I did not answer the phone call. Then, almost immediately after calling me, Stewart began to text me. At 1021 hours, I began to receive text messages from Stewart stating he had found where [REDACTED] had moved to, made contact with her and scheduled an appointment at the Davie Police Department for the following morning, 3/19/2019, at 0845 hours for [REDACTED] to provide a sworn statement. Additionally, he wrote that if I am working, he would like to stop by my office and bring me a packet with "all the information", including account, checks and withdrawal slips. Stewart asked if I was available to take the



statement due to the language barrier and if I was not, he would get someone else to take it in Spanish. At 1027 hours, Stewart texted Det. Wahl the same information. I did not respond to Stewart's text.

At this time, I became more concerned that Stewart was attempting to direct the investigation in which he was a subject. Therefore, I immediately contacted my Sergeant at the time, DPD Sgt. Steven Bart, and expressed my concerns to him. Shortly after notifying Sgt. Bart, Stewart texted me a message apologizing if he "overstepped" his boundaries in this matter and that he was just trying to save me work, but that he understood he should not be involved. Further, he would drop off everything he had and wait for my direction and that the victim will be in the following day at 0845 hours and would be asking for me. It should be noted that I never received any packet or documents from Stewart and neither did Det. Wahl.

At 1257 hours the same day, Stewart emailed my Town of Davie email from his Town of Davie email regarding this case. The email explains his involvement, which I mentioned above in this affidavit. At 1753 hours, Stewart sent me another email advising the 0845 hours meeting with [REDACTED] was cancelled.

Shortly thereafter, a subpoena for GoFundMe records pertaining to the solicitation of donations for the [REDACTED] family was issued. The subpoenaed results showed the following:

A GoFundMe account (ID #33536876) was set up on 11/1/2018 at 7:54 a.m. (EST). A total of \$33,888.00 was raised by 650 people. The contact email used for the GoFundMe account application was jeffrandomactsofkindness@gmail.com. The account name was listed as Danielle Stewart and Stewart as "Other Names Known By". WePay, an application programming interface that enables the processing of a transaction, was used to withdraw the donated funds. As part of the legal requirements to comply with anti-money laundering and terrorism financing regulations, a procedure called Know Your Customer (KYC) was implemented by the US Government. This requires a financial institution to do an assessment on their customers in order to avoid illicit transactions. Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) is a security measure for customers in order to alleviate compromises to the account. GoFundMe requires both KYC and MFA be completed and verified. Both of the requirements were setup for the [REDACTED] GoFundMe account online using an IP address assigned to the DPD.

The following is a list of the funds that were transferred via WePay from the GofundMe account (total \$32,741.21):

11/13/2018- \$32,587.08
11/17/2018- \$19.12
11/21/2018- \$19.12
11/28/2018- \$19.12
12/17/2018- \$96.80

Subsequently, a subpoena for the WePay, Inc. user ID #651456535 account was issued. The subpoena results showed the account was created on 11/01/2018 at 7:57 a.m. (EST). The bank

account associated with the payment account was TD Bank account # [REDACTED]. The name on the WePay account was Danielle Stewart, but the User Name was Jeff Stewart with the email address of jeffrandomactsofkindness@gmail.com. The company name listed was Random Acts of Kindness Everyday. The application also showed the Non-Profit Tax ID # [REDACTED]. A search for tax exempt organizations via the open source website for the IRS did not return any results for that non-profit tax ID number. Further, the said WePay account (user ID # [REDACTED]) was set up using an IP address assigned to the DPD and the email address listed for the WePay account was also jeffrandomactsofkindness@gmail.com.

After confirmation from WePay records showing the funds were deposited into a TD Bank account, a subpoena was issued for any and all accounts held at TD Bank with the names Jeffrey Stewart, Danielle Stewart, and Random Acts of Kindness Everyday, LLC. (RAKE) from the time period of 1/1/2018 through 3/26/2019.


The subpoenaed results identified a total of four accounts held at TD Bank; (2) two business accounts for RAKE, (1) one personal checking account for Stewart and (1) one personal checking account for Danielle Stewart. One of the two business accounts was named Random Acts of Kindness Everyday, LLC.- Operating Account (TD Bank account # [REDACTED]), which is the account the aforementioned GoFundMe money was deposited into. The other business account was named Random Acts of Kindness Everyday, LLC.- Taylor Lee Scholarship (TD Bank account #4 [REDACTED]).

Below was my initial analysis of the account ending in [REDACTED]:

- The account was opened on 6/11/2018 with the articles of incorporation for RAKE and had Stewart and Danielle Stewart as authorized account holders/users.
- There was no significant activity on the account until 7/2/2018 when Ck. #100 for \$1,400.00 drawn on TD Bank account # [REDACTED] was deposited into account ending in [REDACTED]. The check's memo stated "Expenses for Bowlathon". TD Bank account # [REDACTED] is the other RAKE business account TD Bank subtitled Taylor Lee Scholarship.
- Also on 7/2/2018, a check for \$1,543.01 payable to RAKE and issued by Schumaker Recreations LLC (Sparz Bowling) was deposited into the account. The memo on that check stated "Officer Stewart Event".
- An additional \$130.00 comprised of multiple checks were deposited into the account. The checks were for "Taylor Lee Scholarship".
- From 7/2/2018 through 11/14/2018 there were various debits and credits on the account. The debits appear to be used for paying bills, including a Chase, American Express and Citibank credit card, State Farm, a web design company (Mind of Rey Rey), and a large purchase at Moroney's Religious Art.
- On 11/13/2018, the account balance was \$264.56.

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- On 11/14/2018, a \$32,587.08 deposit from WePay for the GoFundMe donations was made into the account.
- On 11/15/2018, \$13,000.00 was wired to [REDACTED] (BOA account # [REDACTED])
- On 11/15/2018, a \$620.00 check (# [REDACTED]) payable to Jeffrey Stewart was written against the account. The check's memo stated "Transfer to Chase Acct." (note: a subpoena for the said Chase account was issued and the results will be mentioned later in this report)
- On 11/16/2018, two checks totaling \$9,965.00 payable to Fred Hunter Funeral Home were written against the account, presumably for the funeral expenses.
- On 11/15/2018, a check payable to Jeffrey Stewart (Ck. # [REDACTED]) was negotiated against the account. The memo on the check said "Transfer to Chase Acct. The said check was in fact deposited into Stewart's Chase Bank account [REDACTED] on 11/15/2018.
- 11/16/2018, \$2,500.00 withdrawal. Withdrawal slip appears to have Danielle's signature.
- 12/3/2018, \$750.00 withdrawal. Withdrawal slip appears to have Stewart's signature.
- 12/7/2018, \$2,600.00 withdrawal. Withdrawal slip appears to have Danielle's signature.
- 12/20/2018, \$2,012.72 withdrawal. Withdrawal slip appears to have Danielle's signature.
- From 11/16/2018 through 12/31/2018, when the account closed, an additional \$154.16 was deposited into the account via WePay. This payment was for additional donations that were made via GoFundMe after the initial \$32,587.08 GoFundMe payment.

Note: Although the GoFundMe account showed \$33,888.00 was raised to help [REDACTED], GoFundMe and WePay deduct a fee prior to releasing the funds. Therefore, RAKE received a total of \$32,741.24 of the donated funds. Of those funds, \$13,000.00 was transferred to Maria [REDACTED] and \$9,965.00 was used to pay for the funeral expenses, leaving the remaining balance of the donated funds to be \$9,776.24.

Moving forward, on 9/26/2019, Sgt. Paul Ortenzo and I responded to 3013 NW 106th Street, Miami, Fl. 33147, where Danielle Stewart resides, and made contact with her regarding this case. We stated the purpose of our visit and Danielle invited us in and cooperated by speaking to us. Danielle advised she was not surprised by our inquiry but was upset because this incident

involved her uncle Stewart. Below is a synopsis of Danielle's account of what occurred as well as a synopsis of Danielle's sworn statement taken later on 2/7/2020:

In May of 2018, Danielle and her two children moved from Tampa, FL. to Sunrise, FL. in order for her to work for her uncle, who is also her Godfather, Stewart. Danielle and Stewart were closer when she was younger and she lived with her grandmother (Stewart's mother) in Broward. However, when she was about 8-9 years old she moved to Tampa to live with her mother, (Stewart's sister). She would still come to Broward and stay with her grandmother during the summers where she would still see Stewart and her cousins. Her grandmother passed away when she was 13 years old and "everybody kind of just stopped talking" since her grandmother "kept everyone together". Many years later, when she was about 19-20 years old, she and Stewart ran into each other at Universal Studios in Orlando. That is when they connected via Facebook and somewhat maintained contact through it. In 2017, Danielle reached out to Stewart via Facebook during Hurricane Irma since he was a police officer and was working during the storm. They exchanged numbers, but she did not really hear from him until his brother, her other uncle who resided in New York, William Stewart, passed away in December 2017. Stewart told her he was going to go to New York to handle everything, but he just wanted to let her and her mother know what had happened. It should be noted that Stewart and Danielle's mother are siblings but do not speak to each other. As far as Danielle knew, William did not have any marriages or children and had retired from the US Postal Service years ago. Danielle recalled William having a car that was paid off and Stewart bringing it to Florida and somehow having it reregistered to her aunt Julia Stewart, Stewart's wife. A check via Florida Driver and Vehicle Information Database, D.A.V.I.D., supports this account of Danielle's story. A red 2016 Hyundai Sonata that was previously owned by William Stewart in New York was re-registered in Florida to Julia and Jeffrey Stewart in January 2018. The attached documents show a death certificate for William Stewart as well as a Last Will and Testament of Howard W. Johnson Jr. The said Will and Testament does not appear to be notarized, but it does have two witnesses' signature. The initials of the said two witnesses do not appear to be on all of the Will and Testament pages and it is unknown if the Will and Testament was validated by a notary or by a court.

Shortly after the passing of William, Danielle told her uncle she should go to visit them since she had not been to Broward as an adult. Subsequently, she visited him twice; once around February 2018 and the second around April 2018. Shortly after the April 2018 visit, Danielle lost her job of three years at State Farm due to business being slow and her position as a receptionist not being needed anymore.

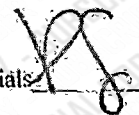
Around May 2018, Stewart called to check up on her and he began to tell her that somebody very close to him, Tayler Lee, had passed away. During this conversation is when she told Stewart she had lost her job, but that she had her insurance license and was trying to find another job. Stewart responded by telling her it was the perfect time for her to move to Broward because he wanted to open his own business, a non-profit, and would not want to do it with anybody else other than family. Danielle was hesitant since she has two children and wanted to make sure she could afford the move and that the kids would have stability in their lives.

Stewart then asked Danielle if she would change her mind if he could find her a job and an apartment. He told her he knew a lot of people and would make sure she made enough money so

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she would not struggle. Further, he told her he was embarrassed that he had not been around in years to which Danielle said she was not mad. Danielle also told Stewart that if he could find a job for her and have it "in writing" as well as an apartment she could afford, she would consider moving to Broward.

A few weeks later, Stewart contacted Danielle to tell her that a friend of his was opening up a business and he was going to get her a job. Stewart told Danielle she would be making six figures, which seemed "crazy" to her because that was a lot of money. But due to the higher cost of living in Broward County as oppose to Hillsborough County, Danielle thought that maybe that amount would be possible. Danielle believed Stewart because he is her uncle, her Godfather and a police officer. Danielle did not think he would ask her to move to Broward if he was not serious.

Thereafter, Stewart emailed Danielle a contract. Danielle provided me a copy of the said employment contract, which was 12 pages long. On a related note, a check of Stewart's assigned Town of Davie email address, Jeffrey.stewart@davie-fl.gov, revealed that on 5/10/2018, there was an email with an attachment of the same contract Danielle provided. The email was from Stewart's Town of Davie email address to daniellestewart26@gmail.com. This discovery supports Danielle's statement regarding Stewart sending her an employment contract. Below is a summary of the terms of the contract:

- Full-time employment beginning May 15th, 2018
- Compensation paid would include \$100,000.00 per year paid every two weeks
- Reimbursement for work related travel and entertainment expenses
- Hours/work schedule is Monday-Friday from 9am-2pm, but more if necessary
- Benefits can be changed upon employer giving 60 days written notice to employee.
- Three weeks paid vacation
- Upon termination, employee will be paid for accrued but unused vacation

Danielle also provided a signed copy of the said contract.

Subsequently, Stewart told Danielle that the public schools in the area were not good and he wanted her children to attend Catholic school the way she did until she was about 8 years old. Danielle told Stewart she could not afford Catholic school because the tuition price for two kids is high. Stewart told Danielle she would be making enough money or they would figure out a way to make sure it was paid for. This portion of their agreement was not in the contract, however, when Danielle moved to Broward County, her children attended St. David's Catholic School in Davie, Fl. beginning August 2018. Danielle does not know if Stewart paid for it out of his pocket or if the school gave a scholarship, but Danielle did not pay for her children's tuition at St. David's.

Additionally, Stewart had already found an apartment at Palms of Sawgrass in Sunrise, Fl. by the time she moved to Broward County. Stewart told Danielle to donate all her furniture because he was going to buy her all new furniture, which he did. He also told Danielle that if his wife, Julia Stewart, asked about the move or furniture, to not tell Julia that he is buying it. Stewart's plan was to buy all of the furniture by paying from a savings account he had "hidden" from Julia.

Danielle advised that Julia was a very controlling person and it was not unusual for Stewart to hide things from her.

When Danielle began working, she believed she would be doing clerical work and overseeing a retirement assistance business. However, after moving to Broward, Stewart told Danielle he also wanted her to help with a non-profit business that would focus on kids and giving back to the community as well as working on a scholarship foundation, the Taylor Lee Foundation/Scholarship. Stewart told Danielle he wanted to set up a scholarship at St. David's Catholic School to help pay the tuition for families in need. As a result of Stewart's scholarship idea, a joint business bank account was opened at TD Bank with Stewart and Danielle being the account holders in order to place the funds raised for the Taylor Lee Scholarship. To raise money for the said scholarship, a bowl-a-thon was held, a TV was raffled and Stewart made a large purchase of religious candles to sell for a profit. According to Danielle, the sales of candles did not go well. Further, Danielle advised that Stewart handled everything related to the Taylor Lee Scholarship account at TD Bank and that there was another TD Bank account for all other affairs that were not Taylor Tee Scholarship related.

Danielle helped set up online access for the bank accounts, however, she did not pay any business bills or deposit any money into the accounts. According to Danielle, Stewart would pay the majority of the bills, including withdrawing funds to pay her salary from a Chase Bank account of his in which she did not have access to and was not an account holder of.

With regards to the RAKE TD Bank account [REDACTED] that was not for the Taylor Lee Scholarship, Danielle did have a debit card and would use it when Stewart would tell her to, including to sometimes purchase lunch for them at Publix.

As previously mentioned, Danielle also held a personal checking account at TD Bank which she was the sole person on the account (account # [REDACTED]). Danielle advised Stewart would pay her by depositing cash into her personal account at TD Bank after he would withdraw the cash from a Chase Bank account belonging to Stewart as well as one time he wrote out a check payable to her and deposited it into her personal account at TD Bank. Bank records obtained via a subpoena of Stewart's Chase Bank account shows large amounts of cash being withdrawn via either an ATM or personal checks payable from Jeffrey Stewart to Jeffrey Stewart and presumably cashed by Jeffrey Stewart as well. When comparing the dates of these withdrawals with Danielle's personal TD Bank account records showing cash deposits made into the account, the said transactions appear to be on the same day or within the time period of the withdrawals from the Chase Bank account. The deposit slips for the cash being deposited into Danielle's TD Bank account appear to be filled out by Stewart as well. Below is a summary of Danielle's TD Bank account ending in [REDACTED]:

- 5/24/2018- \$3,850.00 cash deposit, bank cash ticket appears to be Stewart's handwriting.
- 6/11/2018- \$3,850.00 check #1076 from TD Bank acct. [REDACTED] deposited. Stewart was the sole account holder of TD Bank account [REDACTED] and appears to have written this check payable to Danielle. The endorsement is also appears to have Stewart's signature.

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- 6/20/2018- \$3,850.00 cash deposit, bank cash ticket appears to have Stewart's handwriting
- 6/7/2018- \$2,100.48 rent payment.
- 7/6/2018- \$2,194.13 rent payment
- 7/10/2018- \$2,700.00 cash deposit, bank cash ticket appears to have Stewart's handwriting.
- 7/18/2018- \$2,700.00 cash deposit, bank cash ticket appears to have Stewart's handwriting.
- 7/26/2018- \$2,000.00 cash deposit, bank cash ticket appears to have Stewart's handwriting.
- 8/6/2018- \$2,250.03 rent payment.
- 8/22/2018- \$3,800.00 cash deposit, bank cash ticket appears to have Stewart's handwriting.
- 8/31/2018- \$2,000.00 cash deposit, bank cash ticket appears to have Stewart's handwriting.
- 9/6/2018- \$2,265.49 rent payment.
- 9/21/2018- \$2,000.00 cash deposit, bank cash ticket appears to have Stewart's handwriting.
- 10/4/2018- \$3,000.00 cash deposit, bank cash ticket appears to have Stewart's handwriting.
- 10/9/2018- \$2,300.05 rent payment.
- 11/7/2018- \$2,326.86 rent payment
- 1/11/2019- \$1,028.65 check # [REDACTED] payable to Davie Commerce Center Bay E-19
- 2/8/2019- \$1,013.65 check # [REDACTED] payable to Davie Commerce Center Bay E-19
- 3/22/2019- \$1,113.65 check # [REDACTED] payable to Davie Commerce Center Bay E-19

The total deposited for Danielle's salary pay from 5/24/2018 through 10/4/2018 was \$29,750, with the last payment from Stewart for Danielle's salary being 10/4/2018.

When asked about the incorporation of RAKE, Danielle advised she did not really have any involvement with the paperwork but that she knows everything was put under her name. Stewart told her he was going to put it under her name so it would not "come back" to Stewart. Danielle also stated she did not fill out any of the paperwork to incorporate RAKE; she only filed for changes after they moved the office to another location. Additionally, Danielle said Stewart wanted to establish a non-profit 501(c)(3) and asked her to look into the process. After doing some research, Danielle told Stewart the cost would be about \$1,000.00 at which time Stewart told her they would have to wait because he could not pay that amount of money at that time. Danielle said she was unaware that RAKE was being presented as a non-profit when in reality it was a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC). Danielle did not know too much about the different types of business structures around that time period.

Danielle went on to say that towards the end of 2018, RAKE was not doing well financially and Stewart told Danielle she would need another job to offset the cost of living because money was "getting tight". Therefore, Danielle got another job at State Farm around October 2018, but continued to do some work for RAKE. After Danielle stopped working for State Farm around

the end of November 2018, Danielle began working at the Broward County Property Appraiser under Marty Kiar.

On 10/31/2018, after the traffic fatality that killed a five year old and her father, Stewart told Danielle he wanted to raise money to assist the family of the deceased. They decided on a GoFundMe page and Danielle assisted in setting it up, however, Stewart directed her in terms of what to write in the solicitation and all the contact information on the account application was Stewart's information. Although the public GoFundMe page showed Danielle was the organizer, the contact information on the application was Stewart's personal information. It is important to note that as previously mentioned, subpoenaed GoFundMe records supports this account of Danielle's story. Subpoenaed WePay records, the processor of the funds from GoFundMe, showed Stewart's contact information listed on that account application as well.

During the course of my investigation, I found that on Stewart's assigned Town of Davie email, Jeffrey.stewart@davie-fl.gov, an email sent from Stewart to Danielle's email address, daniellestewart26@gmail.com, dated 11/1/2018 at 1:19 P.M. which states the "little girl's picture" (presumably the deceased child) is on Sun Sentinel's site and wanted it added to the GoFundMe page and that the attached "text", for which there was a word document attached to the email, could be what is written on the solicitation of the GoFundMe page. When comparing the text/narrative that was used to solicit funds on the GoFundMe page to the text/narrative on the said word document sent from Stewart to Danielle, they are the same. This indicates Stewart produced the solicitation and directed Danielle to post it on the GoFundMe page. In the said text/narrative, it identifies the organization as a charity and states that 100% of the funds raised would go to the family of the deceased. A printout of the said email is included in this case.


Danielle states she was unaware that mail addressed to her was being mailed to the DPD as she never authorized such mail to be delivered there. In fact, there was mail delivered via USPS to the DPD addressed to Danielle. Of note, Danielle would not be able to retrieve said mail at the DPD. This further indicates that Stewart used, to his advantage, Danielle's identity on various records to disguise his involvement with RAKE and/or any other business dealings. The mailed items were placed into DPD Property as evidence and a copy of the mail is attached to this case.

After the funds were raised, Danielle knew Stewart paid for the funeral expenses and gave some of the remaining money to the family, however, Stewart told Danielle that he wanted to hold on to some of the funds in case the family needed it later and because he did not want the deceased mom/wife, [REDACTED] to "blow it away". Danielle was not involved in writing the checks for the funerals, communicating with [REDACTED], or transferring/giving any money to [REDACTED]. With regards to the \$9,776.24, Danielle did not know Stewart had not given the funds to [REDACTED]. Because Stewart had other bank accounts and money, and because Danielle did not handle any payments or deposits, she was unaware the money did not ever go to [REDACTED].

Danielle went on to say that at some point towards the end of 2018, Stewart's wife, Julia Stewart, found out about loans obtained by Stewart and about money Stewart had spent. Julia contacted Danielle and told her she needed to help pay back the loans. Julia "even threatened" to go to Danielle's house and sell all of her furniture and her children's beds. Further, Julia wanted

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Danielle to start making payments so that Julia could start paying back the loans Stewart obtained. Danielle advised she did not knowingly benefit from the said loans and I did not find any indication on subpoenaed bank documents showing Danielle knowingly benefitted from any loans. Further, Danielle advised had she known her salary was going to be paid from loans Stewart obtained, she would have never moved to Broward from Tampa, especially since she lived in the same apartment complex in Tampa as her mother and would have moved in with her if she needed to.

It is important to note that it appears Stewart obtained loans from Marcus by Goldman Sachs (\$30,000.00), SoFi Loans (\$40,000.00) and Web Bank (\$33,250.00). These deposits were made into Stewart's personal Chase Bank account ending in [REDACTED]. This is the same account large sums of money were withdrawn from and possibly deposited into Danielle's TD Bank account [REDACTED] to pay her salary. Below is a synopsis of Stewart's Chase Bank account # [REDACTED]:

- Opened 4/17/2018 with \$700 cash deposit. Sole account holder is Jeffrey Stewart
- 5/8/2018- \$30,000 deposit from Marcus by Goldman Sachs
- 5/14/2018- \$5,000 Ck. # [REDACTED] payable to Jeffrey Stewart
- 5/15/2018- \$40,000 deposit from SoFi Loans
- 5/15/2018- \$40,000 Chase Bank cashier's check payable to Jeffrey Stewart (check was deposited into Stewart's personal bank account at TD Bank ending in [REDACTED])
- 5/16/2018- \$33,250 deposit from Web Bank
- 5/16/2018- \$40,000 Chase cashier's check payable to Jeffrey Stewart (check was deposited into Stewart's personal bank account at TD Bank ending in [REDACTED])
- From the beginning of the account until it closed on 12/19/2018, there were large withdrawals and payments to various entities.

When Stewart suddenly stopped paying Danielle on 10/4/2018, she was unable to make her rent payment. After receiving a three day eviction notice from the rental company, Danielle's desperation to prevent she and her children from being evicted led her to withdraw money from the RAKE Business Operating account, (TD Bank account [REDACTED]), to pay her rent. Danielle advised she did not know that money was from the donated funds from the GoFundMe page because Stewart had many accounts with money in them and Danielle did not handle paying the bills or the finances. Danielle advised Stewart would write the checks and that all of the credit card payments out of TD Bank account [REDACTED] were not her credit cards; they were Stewart's. Only after he ceased paying her and she was going to get evicted did she withdraw money from the said account. It should be noted that there were also small purchases including at Publix, Walmart, Target, and other retail stores. There were payments to Level Up Taekwondo for her son that suffers from autism. Danielle's son was already attending Level Up Taekwondo prior to Stewart ceasing to pay her. Danielle would pay for the taekwondo classes from her personal TD Bank account [REDACTED] until Stewart stopped paying her. At that point, which was around December 2018, Danielle kept her son in taekwondo until the end of the season, which was another three payments. The last three payments totaling \$452.00 to Level Up Taekwondo were made from TD Bank account [REDACTED]. Subpoenaed bank statements of Danielle's TD Bank account [REDACTED] showed she did make monthly payments to Level Up Taekwondo from her personal account up until December 2018. Additionally, bank records showed Danielle would pay for her children's school lunch out of her personal TD Bank account [REDACTED] with the exception of one payment of

\$235.79 made on 12/14/2018. These transactions are notable as they were in line with the normal and essential transactions Danielle performed, not splurging.

From the time Danielle began working at the Broward County Property Appraisal at the end of November 2018, Julia began calling Danielle several times a day both on her cell phone and work phone to inquire about what Stewart did behind Julia's back and how much Danielle knew. Julia would also request Danielle make payments to Julia in order to pay off the loans. Danielle told Julia she did not know about the loans at the time they were obtained and did not have anything to do with them, therefore, she was not going to pay money she never got, and does not have. Eventually Danielle blocked her calls and retained an attorney for \$400 to send Julia a "Cease and Desist" letter. A letter dated 1/19/2019 from Franken & Lacher, P.A. was sent to Julia requesting she cease and desist from any further oral, text, email or written communication with Danielle and directed Julia to solely communicate with the attorney. Regarding the sum of \$38,000 which Julia was demanding Danielle pay, Danielle rejected the demand as being contrary to the agreement of the parties and performance of the parties. The letter goes into further details. A copy of the letter is attached to this report.

After receiving the letter, Julia stopped contacting Danielle, however, Stewart began calling Danielle on her cell phone, calling her at work and sending her emails "nonstop". Therefore, Danielle sought the help of Franken & Lacher, P.A. and a "Cease and Desist" letter dated 3/27/2019 was sent to Stewart requesting the same as the letter sent to Julia. At that point, Stewart stopped contacting Danielle. A copy of the said letter sent to Stewart is also attached to this report.

Continuing with this investigation, on 6/19/2020, Det. Jessica Wollschlager responded to [REDACTED] residence where she provided a sworn statement in Spanish. [REDACTED] advised the following:

Sometime after the fatal accident that killed her 5-year old daughter and husband, Officer Jeffrey Stewart contacted her regarding setting up an account to raise money for her. He had her sign some documents but since she was not well during that time, she does not remember everything. [REDACTED] believes she signed documents to give Stewart permission to handle the donated funds. No other police officers were present.

[REDACTED] did see the GoFundMe page set up for her and that about \$35,000.00 was raised on her behalf. Thereafter, the funeral arrangements were paid by Ofc. Stewart and he also gave her \$13,000.00. The \$13,000.00 was deposited into a Bank of America account she holds, however, at the time of the accident and when the GoFundMe page was set up, [REDACTED] did not have a bank account. Stewart told her that was all he was going to give her for now because he may have to pay taxes. [REDACTED] advised that after that, "that is where things stayed"; she did not ask anything else.

[REDACTED] did not hear from Stewart again until she was requested to have a meeting regarding the remainder of the funds. [REDACTED] went to meet Stewart at a place, possibly a restaurant or cafeteria, off University Dr. Stewart brought an unknown

woman and she went with her cousin and her attorney. Her attorney and cousin helped translate what Stewart was saying. During the meeting Stewart said that a young man, his niece's husband, had taken the rest of the money (note: I later made contact with her attorney and obtained a statement from him regarding this meeting. According to the attorney, Stewart was saying his niece, Danielle stole the money. It is possible this discrepancy was due to the language barrier.). [REDACTED] was told Stewart said it is best to "leave things as they are" because the young man is "very bad" and he could call immigration and get her deported or do something to her. [REDACTED] agreed to leave things as they were because she does not want to be deported back to her country. [REDACTED] went on to say that no amount of money would be worth her suffering in her country. [REDACTED] believed Stewart because he is an "officer" and he "knows best".

[REDACTED] agreed to have Stewart open an account for donations on her behalf because she trusted him as he is a police officer. It is important to note that [REDACTED] never met Danielle or her boyfriend/husband and never knew about Danielle until Stewart mentioned her after the donations went missing.

[REDACTED] only gave Stewart permission to accept the donations on her behalf because she did not have a bank account, however, she did not give him permission to keep any of the donations. I requested that [REDACTED] have her attorney, the one that was present during this meeting, to contact me. Subsequently, I was contacted by her attorney, James Benages. [REDACTED] statement was transcribed and included with this case.

Benages represents [REDACTED] with the civil part of the fatal traffic crash. Benages agreed to speak to me and provided a sworn statement regarding the aforementioned meeting that took place between [REDACTED] and Stewart. The statement was transcribed and included with this case. Below is what Benages advised:

Sometime in March 2019, [REDACTED] contacted Benages regarding the GoFundMe account that was set up on her behalf. Benages did not understand exactly what was going on with the said account, but did some research and learned that \$33,888.00 was raised for [REDACTED] benefit and of those funds, \$13,000.00 was transferred to [REDACTED] by Stewart and about \$10,000.00 was spent on funeral costs. [REDACTED] did not know what happened to the remaining \$10,000.00. Benages told [REDACTED] to have Stewart call him directly to better understand what was going on with the funds. Subsequently, Stewart contacted Benages, however, due to the confusion, Benages set up a meeting in person to discuss the GoFundMe account. About a week later, Benages, [REDACTED], Stewart, Julia and [REDACTED] friend Oscar met at Starbucks off University Dr. and Griffin in Davie, FL.

During the meeting, which lasted about 20 minutes, Stewart said that his niece, Danielle, stole the funds. Stewart went on to say that Danielle was a very bad person and could make [REDACTED] "life really difficult". Stewart said that if [REDACTED] called the police and got Danielle in trouble, Danielle would do everything

possible to get [REDACTED] in trouble. Benages could tell that [REDACTED] was disappointed but was "intimidated without a doubt".

Benages went on to describe Stewart's demeanor as being "scared" both during the phone conversation and at the in-person meeting at Starbucks. Benages advised that Stewart said this was going to get him in trouble and that he could lose his job because of this or may have to retire and that "this was all a big mistake". It is important to note that Stewart retired from the Davie Police Department on April 10th, 2019. Therefore, this meeting took place sometime between 3/15/2019 and 4/10/2019.

When the meeting finished and Benages spoke to [REDACTED] alone, Benages told [REDACTED] it was a decision she would have to make with regards to pursuing a case against Danielle but that it was possible that Danielle could make [REDACTED] life difficult. [REDACTED] then told Benages she did not want to do anything about it.

Sometime after the aforementioned meeting, [REDACTED] told Benages she received a phone call from a subject named Carlos Carbiotti, (Danielle's boyfriend), telling her that Danielle did not steal the money; that the money was in fact Stewart stole the money.

It is unknown why Stewart was extremely eager and adamant about having Danielle arrested as quickly as possible, but later, within the same month, contacted the rightful victim to persuade her to not pursue this case because Danielle could make her life very difficult. Initially, Stewart contacted [REDACTED] with the intentions of having her provide a sworn statement against his niece but then "scared" [REDACTED] into not looking any further into the stolen funds.

As previously mentioned, with regards to the RAKE account subtitled "Taylor Lee Foundation", I personally recalled during that time period, there was a local family that lost a 23 year old named Taylor Lee as a result of a traffic fatality. I recalled Taylor Lee and her family were involved with St. David's Catholic Church/School located in Davie, FL. I read about the traffic crash and that she had attended and graduated from St. David's Catholic School and that her funeral had been held at St. David's Church. I then did an open source search via the internet and found her obituary, which was as follows:

"LEE, Taylor Brooke, 23, of Davie was tragically taken from us on April 18, 2018. Our precious and beautiful Taylor was born at Memorial Hospital East, Hollywood at 26 weeks and survived three months in the Neonatal Unit. She attended St David Catholic School from Pre-K to 8th grade. Taylor graduated from Western High School and received a Bachelor Degree in Science with specialization in Childhood and Youth Studies from Florida Gulf Coast University. She was happily employed at the Florida Gulf Coast University Family Resource Center as a teacher and she truly loved working with the children and her co-workers. Her passion was for fishing, singing, hockey. Taylor enjoyed going to the beach and spending time with family and friends. She is survived by her parents, Scott Lee and Casey Kiar-Lee; twin brother, Tyler Lee; grandparents, Monroe Kiar, Dee and Jerry Dorsch; aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Taylor will be missed by all. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of



Taylor Brooke Lee to The Family Resource Center at FGCU, 10501 FGCU Blvd. S., Ft. Myers, FL 33965, # (239) 590-7855, www2.fgcu.edu. Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 2401 Davie Road, Davie. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, April 27, 2018 10:00 am at St. David Catholic Church, 3900 South University Drive, Davie. Follow by internment at Forest Lawn South Memorial Gardens. (954) 792-9360 www.forestlawnsouth.com. To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit our Sympathy Store."

This prompted me to look into the bank records for TD Bank account # [REDACTED], Random Acts of Kindness Everyday, LLC.- Taylor Lee Scholarship, since I saw several checks from various individuals payable to the Taylor Lee Foundation/Scholarship yet no indication that any of the monies went to a scholarship. I could not find any scholarships named Taylor Lee Scholarship either. I only found that donations in memory of Taylor Brooke Lee could be made to The Family Resource Center at Florida Gulf Coast University where she had attended college. Eventually, after speaking to Danielle, I learned Stewart raised funds/donations to establish a tuition/scholarship at St. David's Catholic School to honor Taylor Lee.


During the course of my investigation, and as previously mentioned, I discovered a total of \$4,714.01 had been donated to the Taylor Lee Foundation/Scholarship via checks; however, I did not find any indication that any funds went to a related cause. There were several checks payable to the said foundation, including two checks totaling \$1,260.00 where the issuer was St. David's Catholic Church Men's Club. Subsequently, I contacted the president of the men's club, Allen Leja, to obtain more information regarding the two checks. Leja provided a sworn statement regarding his and the men's club involvement. The following is a synopsis of what Leja swore to:

Leja advised Stewart was a member of the Men's club and that every month during the meetings, members can suggest causes to donate money to and upon approval, the club donates money to the approved cause. The men's club was aware that Stewart wanted to establish a fund in honor of Taylor Lee for St. David's Catholic School to assist with tuition. In November 2018 during a golf tournament for charity, the men's club had a fifty/fifty raffle and the person who won the raffle wanted to donate the winnings back to the Taylor Lee Foundation. Those winnings totaled \$760.00, therefore, the men's club deposited the \$760.00 into their account and then wrote a check for that amount to the Taylor Lee Foundation (ck. # [REDACTED]). The said check was then given to Stewart. Then in December 2018, the men's club donated another \$500.00 in the form of a check to the Taylor Lee Foundation (ck. # [REDACTED]). Leja does not know if either of the checks or the funds from the said checks were ever used for tuition or the Taylor Lee Foundation.

With regards to the two said checks from the men's club, subpoenaed bank records show the checks were deposited into RAKE TD Bank account ending in [REDACTED]. Check # [REDACTED] was deposited on 11/20/2018 and check [REDACTED] was deposited on 12/20/2018. The account was closed around 12/31/2018 and there was no indication that any of the funds went to any Taylor Lee Foundation.

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Additionally, I composed a spreadsheet showing the checks that were deposited into various accounts that were payable to RAKE for the Taylor Lee Foundation/Scholarship or payable directly to Taylor Lee Scholarship. The following are the details of the said deposits totaling \$4,714.01:

- TD Bank account [REDACTED] (RAKE-Taylor Lee Scholarship, joint account Stewart and Danielle) \$1,380 (10 checks total)
- TD Bank account [REDACTED] (RAKE, joint account Stewart and Danielle) \$2,934.01
- TD Bank account [REDACTED] (RAKE, Stewart sole account holder) \$400 (7 checks total)

On 6/15/2018, seven checks from various issuers totaling \$400.00 for the Taylor Lee Scholarship were deposited into TD Bank account [REDACTED]. Thereafter, there is no indication that any funds went to a Taylor Lee Scholarship or any other charity. The account was opened on 5/15/2018 and closed on 8/3/2018 (approximately 2.5 months).

On 6/15/2018, ten checks from various issuers totaling \$1,380.00 which were payable to the Taylor Lee Scholarship were deposited into TD Bank account [REDACTED]. Besides the initial \$100.00 cash deposit to open the account, these checks were the only deposits into the said account. This account was opened on 6/11/2018 and closed 12/31/2018.

On 7/2/2018, the \$1,380 from TD Bank account [REDACTED] were withdrawn in the form of a check (# [REDACTED]) payable to RAKE and a memo saying "Expenses for Bowlathon". The said check was deposited into TD Bank account [REDACTED].

Also on 7/2/2018, there was another check for \$1,534.01 deposited into TD Bank account [REDACTED]. This check was issued by Schumaker Recreation, LLC. (Sparz Bowling) with a memo saying "Officer Jeff Event". An additional two checks totaling \$80.00 payable to RAKE for the Taylor Lee Scholarship were deposited on 7/2/2018 as well. On 7/23/2018, a \$50.00 check for the Taylor Lee Scholarship was deposited into TD Bank account [REDACTED]. On 10/29/2018, a \$10.00 check was deposited into the same TD Bank account presumably for the Taylor Lee Scholarship due to the check being payable to RAKE from a Gregory & Paulette Vitale. This check did not have anything written on the memo area.

Therefore, a total of \$3,054.01 had been deposited into TD Bank account [REDACTED] for the Taylor Lee Scholarship. For the remainder of the account activity, there was no indication that any of those funds were given to a Taylor Lee Scholarship or any other charity.

Then, on 11/20/2018, a \$760.00 check (# [REDACTED]) payable to RAKE for the Taylor Lee Scholarship from the St. David's Catholic Church Men's Club was deposited into TD Bank account [REDACTED]. On 12/20/2018, a \$500.00 check (# [REDACTED]) payable to RAKE for the Taylor Lee Scholarship from the St. David's Catholic Church Men's Club was deposited into TD Bank account [REDACTED] as well. After the said deposits until the account was closed on 12/31/2018 there was no indication that any of those funds were given to a Taylor Lee Scholarship or any other charity.



Moving forward, I made contact with St. David's Catholic School Principal Jane Broder, and the bookkeeper, Robert Loconto, regarding the possible scholarship/foundation established in honor of Taylor Lee. I took a sworn statement from Broder and Loconto, together, regarding their encounters with Stewart. I took a sworn statement from Broder and Loconto together regarding their encounters with Stewart, however, I was directed to make contact with Broder and Loconto again and collect a sworn statement of Broder and Loconto individually. The individual statements were transcribed and attached to this case and the recording of the statement taken together prior to the individual statements was placed into Davie PD Property as evidence. A copy of the original non-transcribe statement will also be presented to the Broward County State Attorney's Office. Below is a synopsis of what both Broder and Loconto stated:

Both advised they were approached by Stewart shortly after Taylor Lee passed away in a car accident regarding an idea he had to raise money to assist with tuition at St. David's for families in need to honor of Taylor Lee who attended school there from kindergarten through 8th grade. Broder remembered Stewart mentioned wanting to do a bowl-a-thon to raise money but does not know if it ever happened. Broder also recalled Stewart was trying to sell religious candles, but the sales did not go well. There was one check for \$100.00 that was given for the cause, but to Broder's knowledge, no other money was ever received for the scholarship. Further, to Broder's knowledge, tuition was ever paid for by Stewart for any students from his personal money. When asked how his niece's children's tuition was paid for, Broder advised no tuition was never paid for her children. The children were enrolled and attended school at St. David's but because Stewart had done so much for the school in the past, including being a D.A.R.E officer, nothing was ever said to him or his niece regarding tuition and, therefore, the children attended for free. Broder never spoke to Stewart regarding the Taylor Lee Scholarship again.

Loconto, the bookkeeper, stated that Stewart approached him inquiring about how to set up a foundation for Taylor Lee. Loconto told Stewart he did not know how to set up a foundation and could not assist him with that. Stewart did give Loconto a \$100 check payable to St. David's and asked Loconto if the school could hold on to the funds until he figured out how to handle the money after donations are raised for the Taylor Lee Scholarship. Subsequently, Loconto set up a "Project" account titled Taylor Lee Scholarship after depositing the said check. Thereafter, Stewart did not give any more money towards the cause. After over a year, Loconto reconciled the books and placed the \$100 into their general scholarship fund. I showed Loconto both aforementioned checks that were issued by St. David's Catholic Church Men's Club and asked whether those checks were ever given to him, deposited into the project account or used to pay for any tuition at the school to which Loconto advised no. Loconto never received those checks or any other checks except for the above mentioned \$100.00. Loconto was unaware that the men's club had issued those checks for the Taylor Lee Scholarship. Further, Loconto advised tuition was never paid for by Stewart for any students from his personal money. Loconto never spoke to Stewart regarding the Taylor Lee Scholarship again.

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Loconto provided me with a printout of the internal bookkeeping records showing a Project Report where on 5/17/2018 a \$100.00 deposit was made. On 7/1/2018, when he closed the fiscal year, there was a journal entry for \$100.00 noted "deferred revenue". Then on 6/30/2019, at the end of the following fiscal year, there was a journal entry where \$100.00 was moved, presumably to the general scholarship account/fund for the school. Further, Loconto provided a copy of the said \$100.00 check which confirmed it was deposited on 5/17/2018 into St. David's Catholic School's account at Bank of America. The check (# [REDACTED]) was drawn on Wells Fargo Bank account # [REDACTED], dated 4/27/2018, payable to Taylor Lee St. David Scholarship Fund and issued by Dennis and Karin Staruch.

Incidentally, when this incident was first brought to my attention, and I spoke with [REDACTED] she stated she thought the \$13,000.00 Stewart transferred to her newly established bank account was done so from a BOA account. Therefore, I initially subpoenaed BOA for any and all accounts belonging to Jeffrey Stewart and/or RAKE. The results did not yield any accounts for RAKE, however, I did obtain account records for Stewart and his wife Julia as well as a joint business credit card for a business named The Organization Doctor issued to Stewart and Julia. It is important to note that there was no bank account with that business name; only a credit card issued to the business. There was no evidence or indication that any business was being conducted for The Organization Doctor. A check via open source website sunbiz.org revealed Jeffrey Stewart is a sole agent of the fictitious business name The Organization Doctor. I could not find any other businesses linked to the fictitious company name The Organization Doctor. I also did not find any indication that tuition at St. David's Catholic School was paid or that any monies were given to [REDACTED] from the BOA accounts.

After the completion of my investigation into the remaining balance of the GoFundMe donations as well as the funds donated on behalf of the Taylor Lee Scholarship, my findings, based on the evidence presented, is that Stewart committed the following unlawful acts:

COUNT I

Between March 18, 2019 and April 10, 2019, in the County and State aforesaid, the defendant, Jeffrey Stewart, did then and there unlawfully and knowingly use or attempt to use intimidation and/or engage in misleading conduct toward another person with the intent to cause or induce [REDACTED] to withhold testimony from an official investigation more particularly described as Grand Theft, a third degree felony, contrary to F.S. 914.22(1)(a) and F.S. 914.22(2)(b), (L6).

COUNT II

On November 2, 2018, in the County and State aforesaid, the defendant, Jeffrey Stewart, did then and there unlawfully and knowingly solicit contributions from another person or organization while wearing the uniform of a law enforcement officer, or while on duty as a law enforcement officer, to wit; appeared on WSVN News requesting charitable donations, contrary to F.S. 496.415(11) and F.S. 496.417, (L3).

COUNT III

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Between November 13, 2018 and December 31, 2018, in the County and State aforesaid, the defendant, **Jeffrey Stewart**, did then and there unlawfully and knowingly, fail to provide complete and timely payment to a sponsor of the proceeds from a solicitation campaign or a charitable or sponsor sales promotion, to wit; [REDACTED], contrary to F.S. 496.415(15) and F.S. 496.417, (L3).

COUNT IV

Between June 11, 2018 and December 31, 2018, in the County and State aforesaid, the defendant, **Jeffrey Stewart**, did then and there unlawfully and knowingly, fail to provide complete and timely payment to a sponsor of the proceeds from a solicitation campaign or a charitable or sponsor sales promotion, to wit; St. David Catholic School Taylor Lee Scholarship, contrary to F.S. 496.415(15) and F.S. 496.417, (L3).

COUNT V

Between November 13, 2018 and December 31, 2018, in the County and State aforesaid, the defendant, **Jeffrey Stewart**, did then and there unlawfully and knowingly obtain or endeavor to obtain the property of [REDACTED] to-wit: charity proceeds of the value of \$750.00 or more, but less than \$5,000.00, with the intent to either temporarily or permanently deprive [REDACTED] of the right to the property or a benefit from the property, or to appropriate the property to his own use or the use of any person not entitled to the use of the property, contrary to F.S. 812.014(1)(a), F.S. 812.014(1)(b) and F.S. 812.014(2)(c), (L3).

COUNT VI

Between June 11, 2018 and December 31, 2018, in the County and State aforesaid, the defendant, **Jeffrey Stewart**, did then and there unlawfully and knowingly obtain or endeavor to obtain the property of **St. David Catholic School Taylor Lee Scholarship**, to-wit: charity proceeds of the value of \$750.00 or more, but less than \$5,000.00, with the intent to either temporarily or permanently deprive **St. David Catholic School Taylor Lee Scholarship** of the right to the property or a benefit from the property, or to appropriate the property to his own use or the use of any person not entitled to the use of the property, contrary to F.S. 812.014(1)(a), F.S. 812.014(1)(b) and F.S. 812.014(2)(c), (L3).

The offense(s) set forth in the foregoing Affidavit is/are contrary to the statute(s) in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida:


Affiant/Applicant

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 13th day of November, 2021.

Detective Sgt. Andrew Fyfe, 806
Davie Police Department

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BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE WARRANTS/EXTRADITION UNIT

2601 West Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
(954) 831-8100

FCIG/NCIC WANTED PERSON ENTRY REQUEST FORM

ATTACH TO WARRANT

THE EIGHT **BOLD** FUGITIVE IDENTIFIER SPACES **MUST** BE PROVIDED AND COMPLETED BEFORE AN FCIG/NCIC ENTRY IS POSSIBLE. OTHER ENTRIES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSIST WITH IDENTIFICATION AND TO PREVENT THE WRONG PERSON FROM BEING DETAINED OR ARRESTED.

*First Name Jeffrey Middle Name Michael *Last Name Stewart

*Race W *Sex M *Height 6'1" *Date of Birth 2/27/1968

*Weight 300 *Hair Gray Eye Br Skin Tone Med

Scar/Mark/Tattoo Unk

Has resisted arrest? NO Considered dangerous? NO Known to be armed? YES

Soc. Sec. No. [REDACTED] Oper. Lic. No. 5363-433-68- State FL Yr Exp. 2029

FBI No. [REDACTED] State ID No. [REDACTED] Dept. Corr. No. [REDACTED]

Juv. Justice No. [REDACTED] BCCN No. [REDACTED]

Resd. Address [REDACTED] City and State [REDACTED] Zip Code [REDACTED]

Occupation [REDACTED] Fingerprint Class or AFIS # [REDACTED]

City of Birth [REDACTED] Place of Birth [REDACTED] County of Birth [REDACTED]

License Plate [REDACTED] Vin. [REDACTED] Vehicle Year [REDACTED]

Vehicle Make [REDACTED] Model [REDACTED] Style [REDACTED]

Vehicle Color [REDACTED] Plate State [REDACTED] Plate Year [REDACTED] Plate Type [REDACTED]

Attach Photo & Provide Alias, Friends, Relatives, Habits, Hang-outs, and other leads in this section.

Filing Agency Davie PD Filing Officer Det. Gallina Contact No. 954-693-8200

Agency Case Number 19-16146 Absconder now? Yes ☐ No ☒