

18-11935

Supplement No
ORIG

POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



1891 JIM KEENE BLVD

WINTER HAVEN, FL 33880

Phone

(863) 298-6200 / 1-800-226-0344

Fax

Reported Date

03/09/2018

Incident Type

LARCENY GRAND THEFT

Member#

JONES, MAURICE

Administrative Information

Agency POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		Report No 18-11935	Supplement No ORIG	Reported Date 03/09/2018	Reported Time 15:18
CAD Call No 180681557	Status Report to follow	Incident Type Larceny Grand Theft			
[REDACTED]					[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	From Date 02/26/2018	From Time 15:00
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	To Date 03/09/2018	To Time 18:00
Member# 5742/JONES, MAURICE			Assignment Central, Bravo Platoon		Entered By 5742
Assignment Central, Bravo Platoon		RMS Transfer Successful	Prop Trans Stat Successful	Approving Officer 3897	
Approval Date 03/15/2018		Approval Time 10:49:42			
# Offenses 1	Offense 812.014 (2) (C) 3	Description Grand Theft - \$10,00		Attempted	

Person Summary

Summary Narrative

An unknown suspect(s) stole a check from the business and attempted to cash it.

Report Officer

5742/JONES, MAURICE

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Modus Operandi

Method of Entry	Point of Entry	Entry Location	Premise Type	Theft Type
Open Business	Unknown	Unknown	Construction site	From buildings
Crime Code(s) Worthless Check				

Narrative

Crime Scene:

[REDACTED]

Investigation:

On 3/09/2018, I responded to [REDACTED] in reference to a past occurred theft. Upon my arrival, I spoke with the victim, [REDACTED] who advised the following:

[REDACTED] advised he keeps checks in the main office at the above listed location. [REDACTED] said on today's date he received a call from his bank stated someone by the name of Victor Sims tried to cash a check [REDACTED] The check was in the amount of \$20.000. I learned [REDACTED] told the bank to stop the check from being cashed. Upon [REDACTED] request the bank put a temporally hold on the check. [REDACTED] stated he didn't give anyone permission to take the checks

Through my investigation I determined that and unknown suspect(s) intentionally and unlawfully stole the victim's company's checks.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] completed a non-eye witness affidavit on scene, and was given a victims rights pamphlet. [REDACTED] also completed a written statement regarding this incident.

I placed a copy of the check into my report.

Neighborhood Canvas

No canvass was conducted (stand along building)

Interview:

[REDACTED] stated the unknown person tried cashing the check on 2/26/18 but his bank didn't cash the check due to the amount being so large. [REDACTED] stated he don't have an employee by the name of Victor Sims. [REDACTED] said he don't have any suspect information to provide me at this time. [REDACTED] stated his bank is going to put a hold on the check

Investigative cost:

One Polk County Sheriff's Office Deputy for two (2) hours.

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I swear or affirm this report is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(This report has been electronically signed.)

JONES, MAURICE - 5742

03/15/2018

Signature of Deputy/Agency Member

Date

Sworn before me this 15th day of March, 2018.

BARBER, JAMES JR - 6299

Notary/Law Enforcement Officer

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Reported Date
04/26/2018
Incident Type
LARCENY GRAND THEFT
Member#
KIER, BRETT

Administrative Information

Agency POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		Report No 18-11935	Supplement No 0001	Reported Date 04/26/2018	Reported Time 13:25
CAD Call No 180681557	Status Report to follow	Incident Type Larceny Grand Theft			
[REDACTED]					
[REDACTED]		From Date 02/26/2018	From Time 15:00	To Date 03/09/2018	To Time 18:00
Member# 7476/KIER, BRETT					
Assignment Central, Echo Platoon, General Crimes			Entered By 7476		
Assignment Central, Echo Platoon, General Crimes			RMS Transfer Supplement Transfer Complete		
Prop Trans Stat Successful	Approving Officer [REDACTED]	Approval Date 08/29/2018	Approval Time 12:55:46		
# Offenses 1	Offense 812.014 (2) (C) 3	Description Grand Theft - \$10,00	Attempted		

Link SUS	Involvement COM	Invl No 1	Name SIMS, VICTOR EMMANUEL	Race B	Sex M
DOB [REDACTED]					
# Offenses 2	Offense 831.09	Description Pass Counterfeit Ban	Attempted		

Link SUS	Involvement COM	Invl No 1	Name SIMS, VICTOR EMMANUEL	Race B	Sex M
DOB [REDACTED]					

Summary Narrative

N/A

Complaint Affidavit 1: SIMS, VICTOR EMMANUEL

Involvement Complaint Affidavit		Invl No 1	Type Individual							
Name SIMS, VICTOR EMMANUEL						MNI 10072371	Race Black	Sex Male		
DOB [REDACTED]	Age 22	Ethnicity Black	Juvenile? No	Height 5'08"	Weight 170#	Hair Color Black	Eye Color Brown	Skin Medium	RMS Transfer Successful	PRN 1361998
ARR_FLAG Yes	Mem # KIER, BRETT	Oper Date 05/14/2018	Oper Time 09:22:26	Notary Mem # 6905	Notary Date 05/14/2018	Notary Time 09:24:40	SIGNED Yes			
Type Home	Address [REDACTED]									
City [REDACTED]	State Florida	ZIP Code [REDACTED]	Date 04/26/2018							
Type Driver License	ID No [REDACTED]	OLS Florida								
Phone Type Cell	Phone No [REDACTED]	Date 04/26/2018								

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Involvement Other	Arrest Type Complaint Affidavit	Place of Birth Florida	City of Birth Unknown	SIGNED Yes
Charge 812.014 (2) (C) 3	Counts 1	Level F3	Charge Literal Grand Theft - \$10,00	
Charge 831.09..	Counts 1	Level F3	Charge Literal Utter False bank Bil	

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A subpoena was completed and sent to the MidFlorida loss prevention manager, Richard Maier. Maier sent back photographs of a black male subject that looked similar to Victor Sims using the MidFlorida drive through located at Spirit Lake Road and Winter Lake Road. Maier also sent me a copy of an affidavit that was filled out in reference to Victor Emmanuel Sims' bank account. Sims was identified through the member photograph that is on file at MidFlorida as the suspect. The original deposit slip and check were provided as well.

On 04/24/2018, Detective Prue #6905 and I met Victor Sims at the Auburndale Flea Market. Upon arrival, I asked Sims if he had a MidFlorida bank account and he stated that he did. I then asked Sims if he was the sole person on the account and he stated that he was. Sims stated that no one else has access to his account. I then showed Sims the original check of \$20,000.00 and the deposit slip. Sims stated that he was the one that signed the back of the check and attempted to deposit it into his account. Sims also stated that he did not fill out the check and claimed that the check was sent to his recently purchased house located at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. Sims stated that he got the check in the mail and that it was already made out to him. Sims stated that he thought that the check was from his builders that built his home because he was unsure of the name of the builders and the check had a construction company on the front of it. Sims stated that he took it to MidFlorida and asked them if the check was real because he did not realize he was getting this much money back and the bank teller told him that it was real. Sims then stated that he deposited the check. Sims' debit card stopped working a day later and he called MidFlorida to find out why. Sims stated that MidFlorida told him the check was fraudulent. Sims stated that he was new to buying a home and was told that he would receive a check from them and thought that this was the check. I then asked Sims how much money he put down on the house and how much the house cost and he told me that he was not sure but thought the house was around \$158,000.00 and he put \$9,000.00 down. I asked Sims if he thought that it made sense to receive \$20,000.00 for paying \$9,000.00 on a home and Sims stated that it did seem suspicious. Sims stated that he thought the check would be a lot less. I then asked Sims how his name got on the check when [REDACTED] does not know him and did not send a check to him. Sims advised that he did not know how his name was put on the check. Sims stated that a week later he received a \$800.00 check from his builder and realized he made a mistake. I gave Sims my business card and told him that I would continue the investigation with the information that he has provided me.

On 04/25/2018 Sims e-mailed me asking if he could send me his home loan information and I replied to him stating that he could and that it would also be helpful if he could send me his bank statements from the time of this incident. Sims e-mailed me back with all of the information and stated that he received an IRS check after the \$20,000.00 check and not the check from his builders. Sims also stated that the check he got from the builders was \$800.00 and it was in January. Sims stated that he was mistaken. He advised that he meant to tell me that he was expecting an IRS check and thought the check from the construction company was that check.

After reviewing the bank statements that Sims provided me I was able to determine that the \$800.00 check was deposited on 01/29/2018 and the IRS tax refund check of \$3,031.00 was deposited on 02/09/2018. There were no checks deposited after he attempted to deposit the \$20,000.00. Sims changed his story several times and there was no deposit of any large amount after he attempted to deposit the \$20,000.00 check.

Through my investigation I found that the suspect endeavored to deprive the victim of \$20,000.00 dollars through

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passing an altered check without permission. The suspect attempted to give a reason for passing the check that was later found to be a lie. The suspect has not shown me any evidence to prove that he was expecting a check of any amount at the time frame of this incident.

Property

Prop # 1	Involvement Evidence	Invl Date 04/26/2018	In Custody? Yes	Security No	Tag No 180030438	Item No 1	# Pieces 1
Description video surveillance on dvd							Typ A
Cat Radio, TV, Sound, and Video Game Devices					Article DVD Disk		Rcv Date 04/26/2018
Rcv Value \$0.00		Initial Dispo Hold For Trial		Entered Date 08/28/2018	Entered Time 14:52	RMS Transfer Successful	
Control 7476 0828181512							

Link SUS	Involvement COM	Invl No 1	Name SIMS, VICTOR EMMANUEL	Race B	Sex M
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Prop # 2	Involvement Evidence	Invl Date 04/26/2018	In Custody? Yes	Security No	Tag No 180030438	Item No 2	# Pieces 1
Description deposit slip							Typ A
Cat Other (None of the Above)				Article Miscellaneous (MISC) Documents		Rcv Date 04/26/2018	Rcv Time 13:00
Rcv Value \$0.00		Initial Dispo Hold For Trial		Entered Date 08/28/2018	Entered Time 14:53	RMS Transfer Successful	
Control 7476 0828181512							

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Prop # 3	Involvement Evidence	Invl Date 04/26/2018	In Custody? Yes	Security No	Tag No 180030438	Item No 3	# Pieces 1	Typ S	Cat Financial	
Article Check/Money Order (negotiable)										
Property Obtained CHECK							Check No [REDACTED]	Check Date 02/26/2018		
Pay To [REDACTED]										
Check Amount \$20,000.00		Bank Name CENTENIAL BANK				Rcv Date 04/26/2018		Rcv Time 13:00		
Recv Value \$0.00		Initial Dispo Hold For Trial		Entered Date 08/28/2018		Entered Time 14:54		RMS Transfer Successful		
Control 7476 0828181512										
[REDACTED]										
Link SUS	Involvement COM	Invl No 1	Name SIMS, VICTOR EMMANUEL						Race B	Sex M
DOB [REDACTED]										
Modus Operandi										
Method of Entry Not Applicable		Point of Entry Unknown		Entry Location Unknown		Premise Type Construction company		Crime Code(s) Larceny Grand Theft		
Narrative										

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An original Deposit Slip with Victor Sims' name on it and the original check were logged into a property and evidence locker located at the Central substation. The video surveillance from the MidFlorida was uploaded to a dvd and logged into a property and evidence locker located at the Central substation.

Through my investigation I found that the suspect endeavored to deprive the victim of \$20,000.00 dollars through passing an altered check without permission. The suspect attempted to give a reason for passing the check that was later found to be a lie. The suspect has not shown me any evidence to prove that he was expecting a check of any amount at the time frame of this incident.

A complaint affidavit was completed Sims and forwarded to the State Attorney's Office for review.

Investigative Costs:

One detective conducting an investigation and completing paperwork for approximately ten (10) hours.

Case Status:

Cleared by complaint affidavit.

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I swear or affirm this report is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(This report has been electronically signed.)

KIER, BRETT - 7476

08/28/2018

Signature of Deputy/Agency Member

Date

Sworn before me this 28th day of August, 2018.

PRUE, JAMES G - 6905

Notary/Law Enforcement Officer

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