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20-000839

Victim

Offense

FORGERY

Date / Time Reported

Tue 01/07/2020 09:04

Support Documents: Documents provided by victim of unauthorized transactions.

Reconstruction: The victim advised former accountant forged business checks for personal expenses. The suspect also used the company's credit card to make unauthorized purchases and had the items sent to her residence to avoid detection.

Crime Scene #1: [REDACTED]

Crime Scene #2: [REDACTED]

Crime Scene #3: Private residence located 3564 Dove Hollow Court, Palm Harbor FL 34683

Interview: While assigned to the front desk at District 3, I was advised of the following via walk in complaint. The victim [REDACTED] is the owner of [REDACTED] located in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised during the last five years his accountant/book keeper/girlfriend Faith Antonio has been utilizing company's funds to make unauthorized purchases. [REDACTED] advised Antonio has paid her rent, purchased business cards for her families business, made numerous unauthorized purchases thru Amazon and Quill. [REDACTED] said the purchased items were then shipped to her residence in Palm Harbor. At this time [REDACTED] estimates a loss to his business around \$30,000.00.

[REDACTED] advised Antonio was utilizing QuickBooks entries to hide her fraudulent activity. The unauthorized purchases she would reclassify the subject heading for QuickBooks to conceal activity.

Investigation: I conducted the above interview. [REDACTED] was asked to make a list of the transactions and why he felt they were fraudulently made with the company's funds. On October 13, 2019 Antonio went to Best Buy in Citrus Park and purchased \$142.09 worth of merchandise with the company's American Express Card. The items were not purchased for the business.

On October 15, 2019 Antonio went to Best Buy.Com and purchased \$197.23 with the company's American Express card and had the items shipped to her house in Palm Harbor, depriving the company of the item and funds used to purchase the item.

Antonio was authorized to make business purchases via Quill. Antonio went into the company's Quill account and added her home address so items could be shipped to her private residence. Via Quill.com, Antonio purchased an assortment of items from August 24, 2015 to June 19, 2019 totaling \$1284.87. Antonio would use QuickBooks to show payment of the items shipped to her Palm Harbor residence as office supplies and make the payment using the company's Synovus Bank credit card. [REDACTED] provided invoices from Quill.com and the credit card payment statement from Synovus Bank to show payment to Quill.com.

Antonio was authorized to make company purchases via Amazon Business Services. Antonio added her home address to the company's account and had unauthorized purchases shipped to her house directly. Via Amazon Business, Antonio purchased an assortment of items from November 15, 2018 to August 15, 2019 totaling \$1148.33. Antonio would use QuickBooks to show payment of the items shipped to her Palm Harbor residence as office supplies and computer/internet. Payment for the purchases Antonio used the company's Synovus Bank credit card. Antonio was printing checks via QuickBooks and then forging [REDACTED] signature on the checks.

[REDACTED] also provided copies of other transactions he didn't authorize. On February 2, 2108 Antonio gave her leasing company the routing number to the company's Synovus Bank account to pay her rent for \$1957.26 and coded the transaction in QuickBooks as a vendor name.

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Investigator: DUNCAN, W. F. (5010)

Date / Time: 01/17/2020 12:45:11, Friday

Supervisor: ROZANKOWSKI, S. M. (2761)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 01/23/2020 09:05:08, Thursday

Contact:

Reference: Supplement Completed

RELATED CASE: None

STAT DATA: Change status from Active to Unfounded

BWC ACTIVATED: N/A

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS: None

On 01-14-20, I reviewed this case and called [REDACTED] (victim) to go over the case. Due to the many transactions involved and his notes made on the bank and credit card statements I asked [REDACTED] to meet with me in person to go over his markings and the transactions he noted were done without his knowledge or permission.

On 01-15-20, I met with [REDACTED] at his residence. He explained to me He met the Faith Antonio (suspect) in 2014, several months later he "hired her to help manage his business", which he operates out of his home. He said she was his girlfriend and employee. Their personal relationship began before she began doing work for him, He said whenever they went out he paid for everything. When they first met he was addicted to pain medication after a painful neck surgery. Faith helped him get over his addiction and gained his trust, this is when he gave her access to help with his business.

When Faith began working for [REDACTED] he paid her cash which he withdrew from an ATM. She handled paying bills for the business. She had access to his business bank account and his company's American Express card. She was authorized to make business purchases only.

[REDACTED] said he paid her close to one thousand dollars a week, but could not provide an exact amount. She was not given a pay check, and he considered her to be an employee, but nothing he described was consistent with a person being employed. Faith had no set hours, no specific job description and her duties varied from paying bills to running errands. She was never given a W-2 or 1099 for tax purposes.

[REDACTED] said he believes Faith knew exactly what she was doing and tried very hard to hide her activities. She destroyed all of the bank and credit card statements, neglected to add certain transactions to QuickBooks and had items delivered to her residence and not [REDACTED]

While researching this case I looked at [REDACTED] Facebook page which showed a post from his account on 12-15-19, which reads,

"I have been working 24/7 to get this mess cleaned up that my ex girlfriend Faith Lee on Facebook real name Faith Antonio. I dated her for over 5 years to find out she has been embezzling money from my business [REDACTED] for several years. It's a lot of money and stuff so far and I keep finding more. I got into 2016 through 2018 and some of 2019 and it's disturbing knowing what she has been doing for the last 5 years. You just don't start doing this at the age of 34 she is now 39. She has been doing this type of shit her whole life. No question about it. A very very dishonest, sneaky, lying, thief. She had me fooled and I entrusted her to do my accounting but rather she was bleeding my accounts anyway she could. She bought so much stuff on my Amex and Synovus accounts that have

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nothing to do with my company. So much sneaky shit she did in Quickbooks to hide everything. I found where she purchased a Ring camera system and an Arlo camera system. So I outfitted more than just her house. I also bought a Cricut machine that does arts and crafts for \$400.00. Isn't that nice. There is a shitload of Amazon purchases that were all delivered to her house. My tax returns are going to be filed so late until I fix this mess. Here is a picture of the culprit. I wouldn't hire her considering what she has done and what she is capable of doing. I filed charges and I also filed a Civil Law Suit against her. I have so much evidence there is no way she can avoid going to jail or punished in some way. Forging my name on checks is really all I need and I have a lot of them that were all disguised in Quickbooks as something else."

Another post on 11-17-19, says,

"Well my GF Faith Antonio, Faith Lee is what she goes by on Facebook of over 5 years has been embezzling money out of my business accounts. I have all the damning evidence and deciding on what I should do. I found so many payments disguised as something else in my Quickbooks accounting paying for her personal shit. Innisbrook membership, Best Buy Credit card, Credit One Bank, Merrick Bank, forged checks, there is so many and this was supposed to be one person I should have been able to trust the most. Used my Synovus and amex business cards like they were her own personal cards to pay for her stuff. She is in complete denial and keeps lying about it when I have it all in black and white. She is a compulsive liar and I caught her in so many this past year and a half. I lost count. I was completely taken advantage of and used. I also have paid for so many things that she needed and her family. I even bought one of her kids a car for 10k and paid for his transmission repair of \$1700.00. 17k on her boob job and tummy tuck, 5k on her teeth and the list is so long over the years. I am in complete utter shock she did this and feel so violated. I keep finding more and more stuff as I go through the books and now I think it is time to get the police involved. Karma is a bitch and I don't want to have to waste my time on it but it is so much money that I feel compelled to do so. Claims to be Christian but she is a very bad example of one. I can count on one hand how many times she has actually cooked for me in the last year. 2 times. Everything happens for a reason and she took complete advantage of me. It's not a small amount of money either. It's upwards of over 40k. She just keeps saying I never embezzled any money from you. I have all the proof I need in my hand. DUH! I was so mad one day when she wasn't here and smashed her computer screen. She will get everything that she deserves coming to her."

These post clearly indicate Faith was considered a girlfriend and not an employee. It also shows [REDACTED] was more than generous with buying lavish gifts and spending large amount of money on Faith and her children.

On 01-16-20, I met with Faith at her residence. In a non-custodial interview Faith told me [REDACTED] was aware of all of the purchases. He had access to the accounts and she never hide anything from him. She told me she did manage some of the business affairs such as paying bills and buying supplies. Items which were shipped to her house were authorized by [REDACTED] who told her she could do some work from home. Other items like computer and gaming equipment were for her children, which [REDACTED] told her to put on the business card so he could use the write off on his taxes and get "points" from the credit card.