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NEWS RELEASE



CASE NO(S): Multiple Case Numbers

DATE: Multiple Dates

OFFENSE(S): Fraud

LOCATION: Multiple Locations

The Coral Gables Police Department, the Miami Police Department and the North Miami Police Department are seeking the assistance of the public in identifying the subject pictured above in relation to multiple fraud cases. The subject is described as a white male, possibly Hispanic. He is between 50-65 years of age. He is heavy set, weighing between 350-400 lbs. He has salt/pepper hair.

There are currently six different fraud cases being investigated by the above listed agencies. In each case, the M.O. is the same. Victims' bank accounts are being compromised via unknown means. Once those accounts are compromised, counterfeit checks are created, utilizing the victim's business account information. The suspect(s) then contacts different companies (new victims) over the telephone and proceeds to order merchandise from the businesses. The new victims agree to sell the suspect(s) their products and provide the suspect(s) with their bank account information. The unknown subject (pictured above) then enters the banks of those victims and deposits the counterfeit checks into their respective business accounts. Once the victims see the funds deposited into their business accounts, they release the merchandise to the subject(s). These products are usually picked up by a courier service and delivered to various office buildings in Miami-Dade County. The suspect(s) meets the courier in the parking lot of the office building and signs for the merchandise utilizing a fake identity. Eventually, the original victims receive their bank statements and discover the fraudulent purchases made via the counterfeit checks drawn against their business accounts. By this time, it is too late and the products have already been obtained by the suspect(s). This is when the victims file a police report.

City of Coral Gables Police Department: Case# 13-009450

Victim: Randazzo Little Italy was defrauded in the amount of \$13,426.75. The fraudulent purchases were for watches and liquor.

City of Miami Police Department: Case # 131213-359073

Victim: Vintage Liquors III was defrauded in the amount of \$3,765.97. The fraudulent purchases were for Champagne.

City of Miami Police Department: Case # 131213-35941

Victim: Global Liquors was defrauded in the amount of \$3749.97. The fraudulent purchases were for different liquor.

City of Miami Police Department: Case # 140204-035048

Victim: Time and Watches was defrauded in the amount of \$4,310.40. The fraudulent purchases were for different watches.

City of North Miami Police Department: Case# 2013-30200

Subjects entered through the roof of 'Grill Time' Restaurant (victim) and then went through the wall to make entry into the neighboring business, 'Fumes and Frames'(victim). Along with merchandise taken, it is also believed that documents exhibiting bank information were stolen. Several months later, 'Fumes and Frames' was informed that counterfeit checks had been made with their bank information and uttered to various businesses in the Cities of Miami, Coral Gables and North Miami.

City of North Miami Police Department: Case# 2013-45560

The bank information taken during the burglary at 'Fumes and Frames'(victim) (2013-30200) was used to create a counterfeit check. That check was deposited into the business account of 'M&R Distributors'(victim) in the amount of \$4,268.'M&R

Distributors' then released merchandise to a courier. Several weeks later, 'M&R Distributors' was notified by their bank that the check did not clear and that several counterfeit checks were created from their business account, which were deposited into other business accounts in the same fashion.

Anyone with information to the identity of the pictured subject can contact Crime Stoppers or the Coral Gables Police Department, the Miami Police Department, or the North Miami Police Department.

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