



Sworn Complaint

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA PD
BUILDING 51, MUSEUM ROAD
GAINESVILLE, FL

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| Report Date / Time 8/15/2017 4:16:34PM | Report Number UFPD55ARR00697M | Case Number/CAD Number UFPD17OFF001225 / UFPD17CAD052727 | Reporting Officer Name MCCARTHY, NIKITA D. |
| Originating Agency ORI FLO010600 | Occurrence Date Time Range 6/26/2017 12:00:00 AM - 8/15/2017 12:00:00 AM | Jurisdiction UFPD | Clearance |

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Location of Occurrence

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| Location Type | Location Description UF BOOKSTORE AND WELCOME CENTER, 886 | | |
| Street Number 1900 | Street MUSEUM RD. | Apt/Lot/Bldg | |
| County | City GAINESVILLE | State FL | Zip 32611 |

Suspect

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| First Name VENTRELL | Middle Name | Last Name MILLER | Suffix | Date Of Birth 1/15/1999 | Age 18 | Race BLACK | Sex MALE |
| SSN | MNI # UFPD17MNI005048 | Place of Birth | Height | Weight 0 | Hair | Eyes | |
| DL or ID Number | ID State | ID Type | Address Type | | | | |
| Street Number 121 | Street ENTERPRISE ST | Apt/Lot/Bldg | | | | | |
| County | City LAKELAND | State FL | Zip 33805 | Phone Number 863-510-8809 | Extension | | |
| Location Description | | | | | | | |

Arrest

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| Arrest Date/Time 9/22/2017 2:54:28PM | Arrest Location Type | Arrest Location Description | | | | | |
| Street Number | Street | Apt/Lot/Bldg | County ALACHUA | City | | | |
| State | Zip | | | | | | |

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ALACHUA COUNTY, FL

Charge(s)

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| Counts 1 | Charge 817.568.2a | General Offense Code COMMITTED | Bond Amount \$ 0.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> No Bond |
| Charge Degree T | Charge Level FELONY | Arrest Offense Code Description FRAUD-IMPERSON | | |
| Charge Description USE/POSS ID OF ANOTHER PERSON WO CONSENT | | | | |
| Clery Location Type On Campus Buildings | | | | |
| Counts 1 | Charge 817.034.4a3 | General Offense Code COMMITTED | Bond Amount \$ 0.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> No Bond |
| Charge Degree T | Charge Level FELONY | Arrest Offense Code Description FRAUD-SWINDLE | | |
| Charge Description OBTAIN PROPERTY UNDER 20000 DOLLARS | | | | |
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Probable Cause

On 8/15/17, I responded to the UF Bookstore in reference to a possible fraud case. I made contact with David Looney, Associate Director, and Michael Chambers, Electronic Technician at the UF Bookstore. Looney said it came to his attention that several UF students were adding funds in excess of \$1500

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to their UF Bookstore prepaid accounts. Looney said on average, students usually add around \$300 to their accounts for books, per semester. Looney said the students added funds electronically using their Gatorlink user name and password which was unique to each student. Looney said they usually deal with approximately five "chargebacks" per year. Looney explained that chargebacks were when the card holder whose card was used to fund the student's UF Bookstore debit account disputed the charge. Looney said they received several disputes in reference to two accounts, which was highly unusual. Those two accounts were of UF students Jordan Smith and Sarita Francis (after interviewing Francis, she said the transaction included Jordan Scarlett). Looney said it caused them to flag several other accounts after they received more disputes and launched an investigation into the matter. Looney said they found similar transactions to the debit accounts of Kadeem Telfort, Antonio Callaway, Ventrell Miller, Rick Wells Jr., James Houston IV, Keivonnis Davis, and Richerd Desir-Jones. Looney said all of the students had added large amounts of funds electronically to their UF Bookstore debit accounts using one or several different credit cards that did not belong to them. Some of the students even saved the card for future charges. Looney said the students then used the funds in their UF Bookstore debit accounts to purchase items from the UF bookstore in person. Looney said most of the items purchased were electronics, including items such as laptops, iPads, and Beats head phones. Looney said some of the students mentioned that they have sold the items. Looney said since Chambers recognized the names as athletes, they contacted the University Athletic Association, Inc. (UAA) Compliance Office first. Looney said at the time they were not aware that the credit cards were stolen and the students were committing fraud.

On 7/21/17, at approximately 1447 hours, Ventrell Miller successfully added \$1,970.00 to his UF Bookstore debit account using a credit card ending in [REDACTED] (authorization # [REDACTED]) via the internet. The credit card ending in [REDACTED] used to add the funds belonged to Kristen Battaile of 2743 Stirling Ct, Carlsbad, CA, 92010. The IP address captured for the transaction was 66.87.149.9 and a subpoena was sent to Sprint for more information.

On the same day, 7/21/17, at approximately 1639 hours, Miller went in person to the UF Bookstore filled out a paper computer order form for an Apple MacBook Pro to which he handwrote his name, the date, phone number, email address, and home address. The purchase included an Apple MacBook Pro - 13" Display - Intel Core i5 - 8 GB Memory in gray for \$1,249.00, serial number SC02TRLFRHV22. The purchase of the laptop computer came with a Beats Solo 3 Wireless Headphones (in gold) with use of the coupon code 5000008636 at no additional charge. The total for the order, including tax was \$1,330.19. Miller signed the order form in agreement that he understood that the educationally priced merchandise cannot be re-sold for 12 months (attached).

On 8/14/17, after the bookstore began receiving chargebacks, Miller paid \$1,330.19 (\$500.00 in cash and \$830.19 in form of a check) to the UF Bookstore and to settle his account.

On 9/20/17, I received an email that Battaile had disputed the charge of \$1,970.00 as a fraudulent transaction that was placed on 7/21/17 by Miller. We spoke to Battaile and she said she did not know anyone at UF and did not authorize the charge.

Miller unlawfully obtained the identifying information of Kristen Battaile to include her name, credit number, expiration date, security code, and billing address of the credit card ending in [REDACTED]. Miller used the credit card without authorization or consent. Miller intended to defraud the victim when he used Battaile's credit card to obtain money by using it to add \$1,970.00 to his UF Bookstore debit account. Miller then used the funds in his UF Bookstore debit account to purchase a laptop computer, and Beats headphones.

I was contacted by Miller's lawyer, John Stokes and he advised that Miller will not speak to us or make a statement, adding that he did not believe anyone was suggesting that his client was the ringleader.

Miller was charged with the following:

- Fraudulent use of credit card.
- Fraudulent use of identity of another without consent.
- Scheme to defraud.

Other Person(s)

| Person Type | First Name | Middle Name | Last Name | Suffix | Date Of Birth | Age | Race |
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| VICTIM | STATE | OF | FLORIDA | | | | |

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| Sex | SSN | MNI # UFPD11MNI001893 | Place of Birth | Height | Weight 0 | Hair |
| Eyes | DL or ID Number | ID State | ID Type | Address Type | | |
| Street Number | Street | | | | | Apt/Lot/Bldg |
| County | City | State | Zip | Phone Number | Extension | |
| Location Description | | | | | | |

The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the above named Defendant, committed violation(s), of law, on the below date(s) and time(s), as listed in the probable cause associated with this report:

Reporting Officer

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| Officer Name MCCARTHY, NIKITA D. | Officer Rank OFFICER | Officer ID No 082 | Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority This the <u>22</u> day of <u>September</u> , <u>2017</u> DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER |
| Officer Agency UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA PD | Officer Signature: <i>Nikita McCarthy 82</i> | | |

Approving Supervisor

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| Officer Name <i>Ellen Duffy</i> | Officer Rank SGT | Officer ID No <i>26</i> | Officer Agency UFPD |
| Officer Signature: <i>Ellen Duffy</i> | | | |