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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. The online transactions made by Jordan Smith at the UF Bookstore website were as follows: On 7/18/17, at approximately 1524 hours, an online attempt to add \$1,970.00 to Smith's UF Bookstore debit account using a credit card was successful (authorization # The IP address captured for this transaction was 66.87.149.135 (Sprint). The credit card ending in seed to add funds belonged to Mauricio Renazco of 9085 Chadwell Ct Apt 101, Fishers, IN 46037. Renazco disputed the charge as fraudulent. On 7/24/17, at approximately 2327 hours, an online attempt to add \$1,000.00 to Smith's UF Bookstore debit account using a credit card was declined (authorization # Card holder's information unknown. On 7/27/17, at approximately 1647 hours, an online attempt to add \$2,500.00 to Smith's UF Bookstore debit ). Card holder's information unknown. account using a credit card was declined (authorization # On 7/27/17, at approximately 1919 hours, an online attempt to add \$2,000.00 to Smith's UF Bookstore debit account using a credit card was declined (authorization # Card holder's information unknown. On 7/27/17, at approximately 2130 hours, an online attempt to add \$1,600.00 to Smith's UF Bookstore debit account using a credit card was declined (authorization # \_\_\_\_\_). Card holder's information unknown. On 7/28/17, at approximately 1046 hours, an online attempt to add \$1,600.00 to Smith's UF Bookstore debit account using a credit card was declined (authorization # Card holder's information unknown. On 7/28/17, at approximately 1059 hours, an online attempt to add \$1,000.00 to Smith's UF Bookstore debit account using a credit card was declined (authorization # \_\_\_\_\_). Card holder's information unknown. 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The credit card ending in used to add funds belonged to Toshihiro Yoshida of 15533 Azalea Rd, Tustin, CA 92782. Yoshida disputed the charge as fraudulent. On 7/28/17, at approximately 1717 hours, an online attempt to add \$800.00 to Smith's UF Bookstore debit account using a credit card was declined (authorization # Card holder's information unknown. On 7/31/17, at approximately 2325 hours, an online attempt to add \$800.00 to Smith's UF Bookstore debit account using a credit card was successful (authorization # address captured for this transaction was 64.238.187.200 (GRU customer at The Ridge at Gainesville apartment complex, in FL). The credit card ending in used to add funds belonged to Adam Vinson of 14961 Hardiways Mill Rd, Dinwiddie,

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VA 23841. Vinson disputed the charge as fraudulent. I spoke to Vinson and he said he never authorized anyone to use his card at UF and furthermore there were more fraudulent charges to his credit card in Gainesville, FL. The following transactions were made at the UF Transportation and Parking website by Smith:

On 8/2/17, at approximately 0341 hours, an online payment to Smith's UF Transportation and Parking account in the amount of \$940.00 was successfully processed (authorization # 1000 ). The credit card ending in used to make the payment belonged to Brad Kolean of 2670 Heathcliff St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Kolean disputed the charge as fraudulent. We spoke to Kolean and he said he did not authorize the charge and that there were more fraudulent charges to his credit card in Gainesville, FL.

On 8/2/17, at approximately 0344 hours, an online payment to Smith's UF Transportation and Parking account in the amount of \$510.00 was successfully processed (authorization # Transportation and Parking account in used to make the payment belonged to Brad Kolean of 2670 Heathcliff St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Kolean disputed the charge as fraudulent. We spoke to Kolean and he said he did not authorized the charge and that there were more fraudulent charges to his credit card in Gainesville, FL.

The following transactions were purchases made by Smith in person at the UF Bookstore using the funds in his UF Bookstore debit account:

On 7/18/17, at approximately 1549 hours, Smith went in person to the UF Bookstore and handwrote an order form and signed the agreement that he understood the educationally priced merchandise cannot be re-sold for 12 months. The purchase included an Apple MacBook Pro - 13" Display - Intel Core i5 - 8 GB Memory - 256GB in gray for \$1,699.00. The serial number was SC02TVC34HV2L. The purchase of the laptop computer came with a Beats Solo 3 Wireless Headphones (in rosegold) using the coupon code 5000008636 at no additional charge. The total for the order, including tax was \$1,809.44 and the receipt was signed for by Smith.

On 8/1/17, at approximately 1407 hours, Smith went in person to the UF Bookstore and filled out an order form in his handwriting and signed the agreement that he understood the educationally priced merchandise cannot be re-sold for 12 months. The purchase included an Apple MacBook Air - 13" Display - 256GB for \$1,049.00. The serial number was SC02V38A0J1WL. The purchase of the laptop computer came with a Beats Solo 3 Wireless Headphones (in gold) using the coupon code 5000008636 at no additional charge and a BoomStream Mini Bluetooth speaker for \$0.01. The total for the order, including tax was \$1,117.20 and the receipt was signed for by Smith.

On 8/1/17, at approximately 1413 hours, Smith went in person to the UF Bookstore and filled out an order form in his handwriting and signed the agreement that he understood the educationally priced merchandise cannot be re-sold for 12 months. The purchase included a BeatsX earphone in white for \$149.95, a Beats Solo 2 headphones in blue for \$69.99, and a Beats Studio Headphones in red for \$104.99. The total for the order, including tax was \$346.05 and the receipt was signed for by Smith.

In summary, Smith successfully added a total of \$3,570.00 to his UF Bookstore debit account using stolen credit cards in three separate online transactions. Smith made three separate purchases at the UF Bookstore totaling to \$3,272.69 using these funds. Smith also successfully paid his outstanding balance at UF Transportation and Parking in two separate online transactions totaling to \$1,450.00 using stolen credit cards. On 8/8/17, Smith paid \$3,272.69 to the UF Bookstore via the internet to settle his account.

Smith was reported by the manager at The Woodlands apartment complex on 8/17/17 for using the credit card of Adam Vinson to zero out his sublease account before his new lease began on 8/10/17. Smith used the same card belonged to Vinson the fund his UF Bookstore debit account on 7/31/17 for \$800.00. GPD will be filing a separate charge for this offense (GPD CR # 02-17-015101).

While Smith did not have the physical card of each of the victims, he had all of the card's data including the card holder's billing addresses. All of the victims disputed the charges with their credit card companies. It was unclear how Smith obtained the stolen data and identity of each victim.

Smith knowingly and unlawfully obtained the identity of each victim to include their name, credit card numbers, expiration date, security code, and billing addresses. Smith used the credit cards to add funds to his UF Bookstore debit account and soon after made purchases at the UF bookstore with the intention to deprive the

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victims of their money. Smith had the intent to systematically continue to deprive the victim of his money when he saved Renazco's credit card to his UF Bookstore debit account for future charges. Smith declined to be interviewed and retained Michael Barberette as his attorney. Barbarette contacted me several times and we met on 9/15/17 at UFPD. Smith was not present during the meeting. When I told Barberette that people were saying Smith was the ringleader in the fraud case, he said that was very disappointing to hear. Barberette wanted to know if there was a way to charge Smith with just a misdemeanor and I told Barberette that due to the fact that there were multiple transactions, including multiple stolen credit cards, with many victims that it would be unlikely that we file a misdemeanor charge. Smith did not provide a statement through his attorney, Barberette. Smith was charged with:

13 counts of fraudulent use of credit cards (as listed above).

4 counts of Fraudulent use of identity of another without consent. Victims were Renazco, Yoshida, Vinson, and Kolean (used twice). (8 additional victims are unknown.)

1 count of scheme to defraud.

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