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Agency ORI Number <b>FL0500300</b>		Agency Name <b>BOYNTON BEACH POLICE DEPT.</b>		2 NTA	4 Request for Capias			
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Charge Description <b>Forgery FSS 831.02</b>		Charge Description						
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\*\*\*MARCY'S LAW INVOKED, Confidential Information Contained\*\*\*

Your affiant was assigned this case for investigative follow-up. The preliminary investigation revealed on 04/23/21, VICTIM reported a delayed theft of checks to the Boynton Beach Police Department. VICTIM indicated when she was unable to locate her checkbooks in her home, she had contacted her financial institution, Bank of America, NA (hereafter BANA) at which time she was advised several checks had been made payable to DEFENDANT LESLEE MINNICH. The following investigation revealed, VICTIM sustained a total loss of \$87,600.00 in the aggregate between 10/07/20 and 04/15/21.


On 09/13/21, WITNESS DEBRA WEYRAUCH, Senior Financial Investigator with BANA contacted the Boynton Beach Police Department to report the following:

VICTIM had filed two claims with BANA on 04/22/21 and 04/24/21 at which time a subsequent review of VICTIM account activity revealed multiple checks were paid against VICTIM's two checking accounts without her knowledge or permission and the maker signature was likely forged. All but one check was made payable to DEFENDANT MINNICH and cleared through Wells Fargo Bank. WITNESS WEYRAUCH advised, one check (#1843), drawn on account in the amount of \$1,400.00 made payable to DEFENDANT MINNICH was cashed at a BANA branch location on 04/16/21.


On 09/20/21, I met with VICTIM at her residence. At that time I procured a digitally recorded sworn statement and learned the following: VICTIM a vulnerable adult, she is 86-years old and resides alone. She is a widow and has adult children who live out of state. VICTIM reports her mobility is limited due to

VICTIM indicated she had enlisted the assistance of DEFENDANT MINNICH to assist her with various minor day-to-day household tasks such as grocery shopping, light cleaning, and retrieving VICTIM's mail. VICTIM advised she compensated DEFENDANT MINNICH for her service in the form of cash and checks. According to VICTIM, the amounts rendered to DEFENDANT MINNICH for payment for such menial tasks was minimal.

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**BRIAN McDEAVITT**  
Notary Public, Clerk of Court, Officer (F.S.S. 117.10)  
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(Signature of Arresting / Investigative Officer)  
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While speaking with VICTIM she showed me several copies of her checks which she had since obtained from BANA. VICTIM indicated which checks were legitimately made by her, payable to DEFENDANT MINNICH for her service and which checks appeared to have been forged. A review of the legitimate payments to DEFENDANT MINNICH revealed a total of 6 checks made payable to DEFENDANT MINNICH between 11/05/20 and 04/21/21 in the amounts of \$300.00, \$150.00, \$200.00, \$61.00, \$500.00, and \$175.00 (total \$1,386.00). It should be noted, due to the fact DEFEDANT MINNICH was tasked with retrieving VICTIM mail, VICTIM suspects DEFENDANT MINNICH was intercepting her banking statements in an effort to conceal her illicit activities.

With the aforementioned investigative lead provided by WITNESS WEYRAUCH, I drafted a subpoena for the transaction details pertaining to the \$1400.00 check which had been cashed at a BANA branch on 04/16/21. Records furnished by BANA in response revealed transaction details and video surveillance capturing the transaction which occurred at the Bank of America branch located in Sunshine Square, 574 E. Woolbright Road, Boynton Beach, FL. On 10/19/21, I once again met with VICTIM at her residence at which time she was provided with a screen shot image of the individual observed on surveillance video cashing VICTIM forged check. VICTIM immediately made a POSITIVE identification indicating the individual depicted in the image was in fact DEFENDANT MINNICH. VICTIM signed and dated the back of the image which was then retained and TOT BBPD Evidence.

An additional subpoena for the victim's two BANA checking accounts ending i was drafted and forwarded to BANA. Records furnished by BANA in response revealed 42 checks were identified as having been made payable to DEFENDANT MINNICH. The makers signature upon the signature line of the 6 legitimate checks made payable to DEFENDANT MINNICH appeared to match that of VICTIM signature card on file with Bank of America. Conversely, the makers signature written upon the signature line on the other 36 checks did not appear to match VICTIM signature and therefore appeared to have been forged.

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 BRIAN McDEAVITT Notary Public, Clerk of Court, Officer (F.S.S. 117.10) <u>01/18/22</u> Date	 (Signature of Arresting / Investigative Officer) <u>Det S. RAFTERY 865</u> (Print name of Arresting/Investigative Officer) <u>01/18/22</u> Date
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Investigation revealed, over the course of 7 months, from 10/07/20 to 04/15/21, 36 checks belonging to VICTIM were forged and were paid against her two BANA accounts. Twenty checks were paid against VICTIM BANA checking account ending in \_\_\_\_\_ and 16 checks were paid against VICTIM BANA checking account ending in \_\_\_\_\_. All 36 checks were made payable to DEFENDANT MINNICH, totaling \$87,600.00.


An inspection of the endorsement written on the back of the cleared checks provided in response to the BANA subpoena revealed what appeared to be an account number \_\_\_\_\_. Based on the fact WITNESS WEYRAUCH reported the majority of the checks had cleared through Wells Fargo Bank, a subpoena for bank account records associated with Wells Fargo account \_\_\_\_\_ was drafted and forwarded to Wells Fargo Bank. Records furnished in response revealed on 07/10/18, Wells Fargo customer, DEFENDANT MINNICH opened two consumer accounts at Wells Fargo branch \_\_\_\_\_ providing TN DL \_\_\_\_\_ and her social security card ending in \_\_\_\_\_ as identification. DEFENDANT MINNICH was listed as the sole owner of both accounts, Wells Fargo Everyday Checking account \_\_\_\_\_ and Wells Fargo Way2Save Savings account \_\_\_\_\_. A review of the endorsement written on the back of VICTIM \_\_\_\_\_ checks made payable to DEFENDANT MINNICH appeared to match that of the signature card on file with Wells Fargo.

A review of the account activity for DEFENDANT MINNICH'S Wells Fargo savings account ending in \_\_\_\_\_ revealed a beginning balance of \$0 as of 10/01/20. Between 10/07/20 and 04/05/21, DEFENDANT MINNICH made 32 deposits of stolen/forged checks paid against VICTIM \_\_\_\_\_ accounts, totaling \$81,900.00. \$75,595.00 was deposited into DEFENDANT MINNICH'S savings account and \$6,305.00 was taken as cash back as evidenced by copies of deposit tickets provided by Wells Fargo Bank. In addition to the above deposits, investigation revealed two stolen/forged checks totaling \$2400.00 were cashed by DEFENDANT MINNICH at Wells Fargo and one stolen/forged check totaling \$1,400.00 was cashed by DEFENDANT MINNICH at BANA.

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Further review of the account activity revealed this savings account ending in \_\_\_\_\_ was funded primarily with VICTIM \_\_\_\_\_ stolen funds with the exception of a recurring monthly transfer of \$25.00 and a negligible monthly interest deposit. Over the course of 7 months, \$23,000.00 was deducted from the account via ATM withdrawals, \$5,495.00 was deducted from the account via in store branch withdrawals, \$42,531.50 was electronically transferred to Wells Fargo Everday checking account \_\_\_\_\_ and \$5,493.82 was electronically transferred to Wells Fargo checking account \_\_\_\_\_ to cover overdrafts. As of 04/30/21, the account showed an ending balance of \$0.



A final subpoena for bank account records associated with Wells Fargo account \_\_\_\_\_ was drafted and forwarded to Wells Fargo Bank. Records furnished in response revealed this Wells Fargo checking account ending in \_\_\_\_\_ was predominantly funded with the aforementioned electronic transfers from the savings account ending in \_\_\_\_\_. Several smaller deposits from various sources to include but not limited to Zelle deposits and recurring monthly SSA Treasury payments were noted. Over the course of 7 months, \$53,600.00 was deducted from the account via ATM withdrawals and \$13,540.00 was deducted from the account via in store branch withdrawals. Multiple debits for overdraft fees, various goods, services and dining were also noted.

Based on the facts gleaned during the course of this investigation, DEFENDANT MINNICH did knowingly obtain or use, or endeavor to obtain or use, the funds, assets, or property of VICTIM \_\_\_\_\_ an elderly person, which had a value of \$50,000.00 or more, with the intent to temporarily or permanently deprive VICTIM \_\_\_\_\_ of the use, benefit, or possession of the funds, assets, or property, for the benefit of someone other than VICTIM \_\_\_\_\_.

And, due to the fact VICTIM \_\_\_\_\_ had enlisted the assistance of DEFENDANT MINNICH, giving her access to her home and secured mailbox, DEFENDANT MINNICH did stand in a position of trust and confidence with VICTIM \_\_\_\_\_ an elderly person.

And, DEFENDANT MINNICH did engage in a scheme to defraud constituting a systematic, ongoing course of conduct with intent to defraud one or more persons, with intent to obtain property from one or more persons by false or fraudulent pretenses and did obtain property from one or more such persons with an aggregate value of \$50,000.00 or more.

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And, DEFENDANT MINNICH did utter and publish as true to WELLS FARGO BANK and BANK OF AMERICA, a total of 36 forged checks, which was an order for money, in the amount of \$87,600.00 in the aggregate, drawn on BANK OF AMERICA bearing multiple check numbers, and BANK OF AMERICA checking account numbers knowing the same to have been forged with the intent to injure or defraud VICTIM

Therefore, probable cause exists to charge DEFENDANT LESLEE DIANNE MINNICH with 1 count Exploitation of an Elderly Person or Disabled Adult contrary to F.S.S. 825.103(1) and (3)(a), (1 DEG FEL)(LEVEL 8); 1 count Organized Fraud (\$50,000.00 or more) contrary to F.S.S. 817.034(4)(a)(1), (1 DEG FEL)(LEVEL 6); and 36 counts Uttering a Forgery contrary to F.S.S. 831.02 (3 DEG FEL)(LEVEL 2).

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