

Sheriff



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November 15, 2012

BODY REMOVAL WORKER CHARGED WITH STEALING FROM DECEASED MAN



A Fort Walton Beach man has been charged with removing a wallet from a man killed in a Walton County traffic accident, and then using the victim's credit card in a scheme to steal funds.

47-year old William Taylor Caudill of Cypress Street is charged with grand theft, fraudulent use of a credit card, and money laundering.

Investigators say Caudill, an employee of Florida Removal Service, was called to pick up the victim of the traffic crash on October 18th and deliver the man to the Okaloosa County morgue. On November 5th, the Okaloosa Sheriff's Office learned that money may have been removed from the victim's wallet, as well as charges made to his credit card.

The investigation revealed Caudill used the victim's credit cards to transfer money into another account belonging to a non-profit organization, and then used a debit card to remove some of the money and convert it to his own use.

(See attached arrest report for details.)

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ARREST REPORT

OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

REPORT NO: OCSO12ARR012510

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO12OFF013007	Other No OCSO12CAD180623	OBTS
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[SUSPECT]

Last First Middle Title Race Sex DOB Age Hgt Wgt
 CAUDILL WILLIAM TAYLOR W M 12/23/1964 47 5'11" 0
Eyes Hair MNI Number SSN ID.No. St Type OCA/Agency ID
 OCSO12MNI018324  FL

Birth Location: City: County: State: CO Nation: UNITED STATES Citizenship: UNITED STATES
 Address

219 CYPRESS ST Apt/Lot: C FT WALTON BEACH FL 32547

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: INLET BRIEF CLUB CONDO, Job Title: MAINTNANCE, Entered: 11/15/2012

Business: FLORIDA REMOVAL SERVICE, Job Title: , Entered: 11/14/2012

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

CAUDILL, TAYLOR

Street Names

* none found in MNI *

[INCIDENT INFORMATION]

Occurred Date Range: 10/18/2012 14:50 to 11/6/2012 17:44 Lat / Long 30.41547 / -86.60196
 No. Di Street Apt/Lot City ST Zip (GEO)
 206 NE STAFF DR FORT WALTON BEAC FL 32548 2 - 19 - -

[CHARGES]

812.014.2c1

LARCENCY

THEFT IS \$300 OR MORE BUT LESS THAN \$5000

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Third	Facilitate	230G		2399	

817.61.

FRAUD-ILLEG USE CREDIT CARDS

< \$100 AND USED MORE THAN TWICE WITHIN 6 MONTHS OR MORE THAN \$100

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Third	Facilitate	9000		2605	

896.101.


PUBLIC ORDER CRIMES

FINANCIAL TRANSACTN W PROCEEDS UNLAW ACTIVITY

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Second	Facilitate	9000		7399	

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On 10/18/2012 John Thomas Aguras was killed in a traffic crash in Walton County. At 1315hrs the Medical Examiner's Officer was called and they in turn called the Florida Removal Service to pick up the victim. At 1558 hrs William Caudill and Daniel Wactel delivered the body of Aguras to the Okaloosa County Morgue.

On 11/05/12 your affiant was notified that there was possibly that money was removed from the wallet of the victim, as well as a charge on the victim's Debit card for \$500.00. Jeff Martin with the First Judicial Medical Examiner's Office was notified by Melanie Ramsey, who is the daughter of the victim, that at 1744 hrs on the date of the death of the victim, 10/18/12, someone used the debit card which is attached to Centennial Bank account #  in the amount of \$500.00

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to Kemp Development Center in Mary Esther, Florida.

On 11/06/12 a report was taken from Martin and an affidavit of complaint was received from Ms. Ramsey in reference to the Grand Theft and Fraudulent Use of the Credit/Debit Card. Shortly after the initial contact with Ms. Ramsey she again called this Investigator and advised that another charge had been made on the Chase AARP account [redacted] in the amount of \$500.00 at 1745 hours on 10/18/12. During the ensuing investigation your affiant was able to make contact with Michael Crowell, Director of Kemp Development Center, which is a 501.3c non-profit organization. An inquiry was made about the source of a deposit of \$1000.00 that was put into the bank account of Kemp Development Center. Crowell stated that the money was deposited by Taylor Caudill, A.K.A. William Taylor Caudill. He stated that Caudill told him he had received donations from people in the community.

Your Affiant asked Crowell for bank records for Kemp Development Center and he immediately went to the bank and returned with them. On examination of the bank record for October 2012, which is account [redacted] with BBVA Compass Bank, a deposit of \$972.50 was made from Square Inc. on 10/19/12. The difference between \$1000 and \$972.50 is the deduction of 2.75% for the use of the Square. Crowell advised this is the credit company they used to swipe cards; it is a device that sits on a cellular phone and is called a Square. I asked who was in possession of the Square and he advised Taylor Caudill was. I inquired if Caudill had the authority to withdraw money from the account and he stated that initially he did not but several weeks ago Caudill asked for a debit card so he could access money for items needed for the center and he was given one.

On 11/15/12, Crowell made contact with this Investigator and turned over a statement from the bank showing that Caudill had withdrawn \$355.56 from the account via 18 separate transactions, only one of which appears to be remotely related to the Center.

On 11/15/12 William Caudill was interviewed at the Criminal Investigations Division Office. At that time he was advised of his Miranda Warning and he signed a waiver of rights, declining counsel. Caudill stated that he was working with a nonprofit called Kemp Development Center and they were having trouble getting things off the ground financially and he became desperate as an individual and not as a representative of the Center. After dropping off Mr. Aguras' body at the Morgue, he went back to the Okaloosa County Morgue and removed the two (2) credit cards from the wallet of Aguras, swiping them on the Square attached to a phone he had with him; thereby, transferring these funds to Kemp Development Center's account. He then obtained a debit card on the Kemp account and began to remove the funds from the account. He stated he had permission to use the account, but admitted that he knew the money he was using was stolen and it was placed into the account by him.

William Caudill did remove two credit cards from the body of the victim and using the Square with his cellular phone did swipe the cards transferring \$500.00 in each of two transactions into the Center's account to conceal the theft. Caudill did not know the victim and did not have permission to use the credit cards. He then requested a debit card for the Center and began removing the money from the Center and converting it to his use. Based on the above facts this Investigator has reason to believe and does believe that William Taylor Caudill did commit the crimes of Grand Theft, Fraudulent Use of Credit card and Money Laundering. These offenses did occur in Okaloosa County, Florida.

I hereby swear (or affirm) that the facts established on this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature (Arresting Officer) GRAPPONE, ROBERT A 070
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 15 day of November A.D., 2012 by _____
who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Signature _____ Notary Public _____ LEO _____ CO

Commission No: _____ My Commission Expires _____

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[PHYSICAL EVIDENCE] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ARREST INFORMATION]

Arrested 11/15/2012 15:30	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury		Resist
		Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol	Drugs
No. 50	Di 2ND STREET	A/L	City SHALIMAR	ST FL	Zip 32579
Arresting Officer 070 GRAPPONE, ROBERT A		Unit OCSO/FSV/INV/CID	(GEO) 2 - 12 - -	Lat / Long 30.41547 / -86.60196	
Reporting Officer 070 GRAPPONE, ROBERT A		Unit OCSO/FSV/INV/CID		Officer Type	
Forward to for approval OCSO/FSV/INV/CID				Original Offense Jurisdiction OCSO	

Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: \$0.00

- None
- ROR
- Cash
- Pro

Bond Set by Judge None ROR/Sign
 Cash PTR
 Any
 Pro
 PtrIQ

Purge _____
 SC _____

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 12/18/2012 Time: 15:30

Instructions: _____

[DISPOSITION]

<u>Disposition Type</u>	<u>Release Type</u>	<u>Other Desc</u>
<u>Release Date</u> <u>Release Time</u> <u>Release Officer</u>		<u>Printed</u> <u>Printed By</u>
		No

Released To

<u>Court DispositionType</u>	<u>Court Disposition Description</u>
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[ADDITIONAL PERSONS]

WITNESS STATEMENT

Last CAUDILL	First WILLIAM	Middle TAYLOR	Title	R S DOB W M 12/23/1964
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ID / SSN CAUDILL , WILLIAM TAYLOR

COURT DISPOSITION: _____

(right index)

- No Bill / Petition Issue Warrant Prosecution Approved

Signature of Assistant State Attorney

Date

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