

IN THE CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

REPORT NO: OCSO20ARR004708

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO20OFF006239	Other No OCSO20CAD091829	OBTS
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[ SUSPECT ]

<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Hgt</u>	<u>Wgt</u>
BURLESON	MEGAN	LEANN		W	F	8/7/1989	30	500	150
<u>Eyes</u>	<u>Hair</u>	<u>MNI Number</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>ID.No.</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>OCA / Agency ID</u>		
HAZ	BRO	OCSO12MNI005414	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	AL	D			

Birth Location: City: ANDALUSIA County: State: AL Nation: Citizenship:  
Address

[REDACTED] US HWY 29 ANDALUSIA AL 36420

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

\* none found in MNI \*

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

CAFFY, MEGAN 8/7/1989

MCCULLIGH, MEGAN LEANN 8/7/1989

Street Names

\* none found in MNI \*

[ INCIDENT INFORMATION ]

Occurred Date Range: 1/3/2020 00:00 to 5/8/2020 00:00 Lat / Long 30.51053 / -86.45618

No.	Di	Street	Apt/Lot	City	ST	Zip	(GEO)
[REDACTED]				NICEVILLE	FL	32578	[REDACTED]

[ CHARGES ]

812.0145.2b

LARC

10K LESS 50K DOLS FROM 65 YOA OLDER

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NCIC</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
1	Felony	Second	Not Applicable	260A		2399	

825.103.3b

CRIMES AGAINST PERSON

EXPLOITATION OF ELDERLY 10K DOL TO UND 50K DOL

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NCIC</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
1	Felony	Second	Not Applicable	260A		7099	

831.07.

FORGERY OF

ALTER BANK BILL OR PROMISSORY NOTE

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NCIC</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
17	Felony	Third	Not Applicable	2500		2502	

831.09.

FRAUD

UTTER FALSE BILL OR PROMISSORY NOTE

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NCIC</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
17	Felony	Third	Not Applicable	2500		2699	

[ STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE ]

Between 1/3/2020 and 5/8/2020, the Defendant, Megan Leann Burleson, violated F.S.S. Chapter 812, Theft; Chapter 825, Exploitation of Elderly Persons; and Chapter 831, Forgery and Counterfeiting.

Per a sworn written Affidavit of Complaint by the Victim's daughter on behalf of the 94-year-old victim, [REDACTED]

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the Defendant was hired as a caretaker for the Victim on 12/27/2019 to assist in the daily activities of the household. Soon the family held the Defendant in such a position of trust and confidence that she was assigned to provide unsupervised overnight care for the Victim on at least 6 different occasions.

Between 1/3/2020 and 5/8/2020, the Defendant stole 10 checks from the Victim's Bank of America (BOA) Platinum Money Market account checkbook, one check from the victim's Wells Fargo checking account (last four checkbook, and one check from the victim's BOA checking account checkbook (last four The Defendant forged 10 checks from the Victim's BOA Platinum Money Market account (last four and one check from the Victim's Wells Fargo checking account (last four by writing her name on the "Pay to Order" line and signing the checks with the Victim's name, The Defendant also forged one check from the Victim's regular BOA checking account (last four by writing her name on the "Pay to Order" line and signing the check with the name is the maiden name of the Victim's daughter and is also the Reporting Person, who stated she has not signed any documents using in decades. The Defendant subsequently uttered/leposited all 12 forged checks into her Regions Bank pre-paid VISA account (last four using her Regions Bank mobile app. The Victim's BOA Platinum Money Market checkbook was kept by the Victim's family in a concealed location and the subject Money Market account was never used to pay the Defendant. The Victim stated that he never gave the Defendant permission to write and/or cash the checks in question. By depositing the 12 forged checks totaling \$9,281.00 into her Regions Bank account, the Defendant demonstrated her intent to defraud the Victim and permanently deprive him of his property.

Additionally, between 2/21/2020 and 5/1/2020, the Defendant altered 5 legitimate paychecks issued from the Victim's BOA Checking account (last four by changing numbers and characters to make the paycheck amount appear to be a greater than originally written. Analysis of the altered checks compared to carbon copies from the Victim's checkbook clearly showed the Defendant's alterations and intent to defraud. The Defendant then deposited these altered checks into her Regions Bank pre-paid VISA account. The 5 altered checks provided the Defendant an additional fraudulent benefit of \$2,200.00. Thus, the Defendant defrauded a total of \$11,491.00 from the Victim by forging 12 checks and altering 5 checks.

On 5/13/20, the Defendant was interviewed at the Victim's home in Niceville, FL. Post Miranda, the Defendant said she always deposited the paychecks to her Regions Bank account using her mobile application or ATM. She further stated the checks were constantly in her possession until they were deposited, and she never allowed anyone to deposit the checks on her behalf. When shown copies of multiple forged and altered checks, the Defendant denied forging/altering any checks and could not explain how forged or altered checks were deposited into her account.

Based upon my investigation, to include multiple interviews and analysis of subpoenaed bank documents, I have probable cause to believe the Defendant, Megan Leann Burluson, did violate the following: F.S.S. 812.0145(b), Theft of funds from a person 65 years of age or older, more than \$10,000.00 but less than \$50,000.00; F.S.S. 825.103(3)(b), Exploitation of an Elderly Person by knowingly obtaining an elderly person's assets by a person who stands in a position of trust and confidence, more than \$10,000.00 but less than \$50,000.00; F.S.S. 831.07 (17 counts), Altering or forging bank bills, checks, or drafts; and F.S.S. 831.09 (17 counts), Uttering forged bank bills, checks, and drafts with the intent to defraud any person.

These offenses occurred in Okaloosa County, Florida, where your affiant is a sworn law enforcement officer.

Signature (Arresting Officer) BACHTEL, RICHARD L 156 Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 25 day of June A.D., 2020 by who is personally known to me or has produced as identification.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_\_\_ CO \_\_\_\_\_

Commission No: \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor Name ( Please Print ) \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

[ PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ ARREST INFORMATION ]

Arrested	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury	Resist			
6/24/2020 10:08	Within country	None	N/A	No			
	Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol	Drugs			
	Yes	Within jurisdiction	No	No			
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City	ST	Zip	Lat / Long
1200		JAMES LEE BLVD E		CRESTVIEW	FL		30.76331 / -86.55812
Arresting Officer	Unit		(GEO)	1 - 5 - 130 - 1001	Officer Type		
156 BACHTEL, RICHARD L	OCSO/ADMINSERV/JUDICIALPROC/CIVIL						
Reporting Officer	Unit		Original Offense Jurisdiction				
075 VAFIDES, ALAN H	OCSO/FSV/INV/CID		OCSO				
Forward to for approval							
OCSO/FSV/INV/CID							

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 TRANSPORT

SC \_\_\_\_\_

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 7/21/2020 Time: 15:30

Instructions: 1940 LEWIS TURNER BLVD, FWB

[ COURT INFORMATION ]

Court	Judge	Date
Sent		
Rcvd <b>CIRCUIT</b>	<b>MASON</b>	<b>6/17/2020</b>
Court Case Number <b>20-6239</b>		

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[ DISPOSITION ]

Disposition Type

Release Type

Other Desc

Release Date

Release Time

Release Officer

Printed

Printed By

No

Released To

Court DispositionType

Court Disposition Description

[ ADDITIONAL PERSONS ]

COURT DISPOSITION:

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(right index)

No Bill / Petition

Issue Warrant

Prosecution Approved

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Assistant State Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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