

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON**

**MFCU AGENCY
CASE # MFC-20-01904**

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT FOR
AN ARREST WARRANT FOR SHARRIA SHANTEZ GALLOWAY**

Before me, H. Mark Ormerod the undersigned Notary Public of the State of Florida, personally appeared Jerrod Rigdon, Law Enforcement Investigator with the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Office of the Attorney General, who first being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

Your Affiant, Jerrod Rigdon, has been employed, as a Law Enforcement Investigator, with the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, a department within the Attorney General's Office, since April 2019. Prior to that, Your Affiant was employed by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, where Your Affiant served as a Patrol Sergeant for a period of two (2) years. Prior to that, Your Affiant was a Deputy with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for a period of five (5) years. During this time, your Affiant has conducted investigations involving crimes concerning persons, property and fraud.

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) operates under the supervision of the Florida Attorney General's Office and exists to investigate fraud in the Medicaid Program. The MFCU is authorized to investigate the possible criminal violation of applicable state laws pertaining to fraud in the administration of the Medicaid program, in the provision of medical assistance, or in the activities of providers of health care under the Medicaid program, and to investigate alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of patients' private funds in healthcare facilities receiving payments under the Medicaid program, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1396b(q) and § 409.920(9), Florida Statutes. The MFCU is also authorized to investigate any other criminal violations uncovered during the course of those investigations pursuant to § 16.59, Florida Statute.

Your Affiant further states that the facts and reliable evidence supporting this Affidavit establish probable cause to believe that, during the period of February 5, 2020, through February 20, 2020, **SHARRIA SHANTEZ GALLOWAY** a black female, Date of Birth: April 16, 1978, whose last known address is 403 Beech Ave, Gretna, FL 32332 did commit the following violations: Two (2) Felony counts Exploitation of an Elderly/Disabled Adult; Three (3) Felony counts of Criminal Use of Personal Identification Information; Two (2) Felony counts of Fraudulent Use of Credit Card, more than 2 times in a 6-month period, committed within Leon County, Florida. The facts and evidence are as follows:

This complaint was assigned to MFCU Investigator Brian Findley who learned the complaint was originally made to The Tallahassee Police Department (TPD). TPD ceded the complaint to the MFCU for investigation. On July 24, 2020 Inv. Findley departed employment with the MFCU and the investigation was assigned to Your Affiant for completion.

On February 21, 2020, Nathalie Thomas went to the TPD office and filed a police report regarding a theft from two residents that lived at her group home for disabled adults. Both residents are disabled adults, as defined in Florida Statute § 825.101(3), and cannot communicate for themselves. Thomas believed one of her employees (Sharria Galloway) was responsible for the theft. Thomas monitors her residents' bank accounts and found multiple unauthorized transactions.

Thomas provided a written statement regarding the theft and provided some additional details. The two disabled adult victims were [REDACTED]¹ and [REDACTED]. Thomas stated when staff take clients shopping, they take the cards, then bring them back with receipts.

On Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Inv. Findley conducted a sworn recorded interview of Nathalie Thomas, the owner/administrator of [REDACTED]). The following is a summary of the interview with Thomas:

Thomas stated she has owned the group home for over eighteen (18) years. Thomas' clients are adults with developmental disabilities. Thomas and her employees assist the residents with their activities of daily living (ADLs). Thomas also manages the residents' finances.

[REDACTED] has been a resident for approximately 12 years, [REDACTED] has been a resident for approximately 26 years, and [REDACTED] has been a resident for approximately 6 ½ years. All residents receive money from Social Security, which is electronically deposited into their bank accounts at Regions Bank.

Thomas discovered there were issues with both residents' bank accounts when she saw money was removed via a "CashApp". Initially Thomas thought the residents' accounts had been compromised after going shopping at Wal-Mart. Thomas went to the bank and was able to get the money refunded. While at the bank, she discovered that additional money had been removed from [REDACTED]'s account to make car payments through American Financial.

Thomas determined that three of her employees were currently making car payments. However, Sharria Galloway was the only employee that had a car being financed through American Financial. Thomas also recalled Galloway asking her for \$300.00 to resolve an issue she had with an ex-boyfriend or his family. One of the "CashApp" purchases was for \$300.00 and was done around the same time Galloway asked for the money.

Thomas stated she holds on to all of the residents' bank cards until the resident is taken out in the community to shop or eat. Then, an employee will maintain the card to make the purchases for each resident.

Inv. Findley obtained a copy of documentation from Thomas regarding Sharria Galloway's employment. Galloway's Employment Application shows she began employment with the [REDACTED] in July of 2015.

A subpoena was issued to American Financial (AF) for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] provided certified documentation regarding the unauthorized transactions. Two payments were made to Account# 291083; with the account name, Sharria S. Galloway. The two payments made were for \$429.85 and \$504.39 for a total of \$934.24. Both payments were called in from telephone number (850) 408-5670. (This phone number is later identified as belonging to Sharria Galloway).

A copy of the lease agreement between American Car Center (aka American Financial; AF) and Galloway was also provided by AF. The document shows that on April 26, 2019, Galloway leased a used 2015 Buick Encore (VIN: KL4CJASB3FB201400), with a payment of \$249.72 being due bi-weekly. Galloway is the only person listed as a lessee on this agreement. AF also sent a copy of Sharria S. Galloway's Florida Driver License.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) database revealed that [REDACTED] The

¹ The name of the Medicaid recipient has been reduced to initials to avoid the disclosure of confidential information pursuant to, inter alia, Federal HIPAA regulations and Section 409.920(9)(f), Florida Statutes.

copy of the Florida Driver license from AF also matched [REDACTED] Galloway ([REDACTED]).

Upon review of certified bank records from Regions Bank, Inv. Findley discovered additional attempts to pay Sharria Galloway's vehicle lease payment had been made with [REDACTED]'s VISA Debit card. This card attempted to be used to pay AF on 02/10/2020 for \$414.39 (Denied) and again on 02/17/2020, for \$644.03 (Denied).

AF provided three (3) recorded telephone conversations made by Galloway to AF on February 10, 2020. A telephone recording could not be located by AF for the February 17, 2020 charge attempt. However, a recording on February 18, 2020 was provided. A total of four (4) recordings were turned over by AF during this investigation.

The first recorded call to AF on February 10, 2020 was made at 10:13 AM CST. The caller identified herself as Sharria Galloway, and the last four digits of her social security number as [REDACTED]. *[Your Affiant verified that these last four digits of the social security number belong to Sharria Galloway]*. Galloway also provided her home address as, 220 McArthur Street, Quincy, FL 32351. Galloway asked how much it would cost to get her car reactivated and was told \$384.39. Galloway then asked if the AF employee could call her back at 1:15 PM to make the payment and turn the car back on. The AF employee agreed to do this.

The second recorded call to AF on February 10, 2020, was made at 12:20 PM CST. Galloway called AF back and identified herself as "Sharria". Galloway also provided the last four digits of her social security number as [REDACTED]. The call taker asked when Galloway would be able to pay the amount owed. Galloway stated she was trying to work on it, but she just moved into another house. The call taker then told Galloway she needed to make a payment of \$414.39, which included late fees and a processing fee.

Galloway provided Visa card information ([REDACTED]), exp [REDACTED], CVV code on back of card [REDACTED]². The AF employee asked Galloway if she authorized a payment of \$414.39 to be made on the card provided and Galloway agreed. The AF employee informed Galloway that the card was declined. Galloway said she would call back in 5 minutes.

The third recorded call was made on February 10, 2020, at 2:35 PM. The call begins with an AF employee telling the caller the line is being recorded. The caller then provided her name as Galloway, and the last four digits of her social security number as [REDACTED]. Galloway also provided her home address as, 220 McArthur Street, Quincy, FL 32351.

The AF employee asked Galloway if she was calling to make a payment of \$264.72. Galloway indicated that another AF employee had told her she needed to make a payment of \$429.85 to get her car turned back on. Galloway then provided Visa card information ([REDACTED]), the CVV code on back of card [REDACTED]³ and the AF employee re-activated Galloway's vehicle.

The fourth recorded call was made to AF on February 18, 2020 at 1:31 PM. AF employee answers and tells the caller the line is being recorded. The caller then provided her name as Sharria Galloway, and the last four digits of her social security number as [REDACTED]. Galloway also provided her home address as, 220 McArthur Street, Quincy, FL 32351.

² Card ending in [REDACTED], According to Regions Bank Records, belongs to [REDACTED]

³ Card ending in [REDACTED], According to Regions Bank Records, belongs to [REDACTED]

The AF employee informs Galloway that she is eighteen (18) days past due and two (2) payments behind on her account (# [REDACTED]) totaling \$644.03. The AF employee tells Galloway she will need to make a payment of at least \$499.44.

Galloway then provided Visa card information ([REDACTED]), Exp [REDACTED], CVV# on back of card [REDACTED]³, and permission to make the required payment of \$504.39, (which includes a processing fee). After the payment is made, the AF employee re-activated Galloway's vehicle.

A subpoena response from Square Inc. was provided to Inv. Findley. (Square Inc. is the parent company for "CashApp.") There were three (3) Square accounts with Sharria Galloway's personal information listed in the account profiles.

The two (2) CashApp transactions, which involved residents from the [REDACTED], appeared under the account: Cashtag - shantez9. [REDACTED]'s VISA Debit Card# [REDACTED] was added to Galloway's CashApp account on February 4, 2020 and unlinked on February 13, 2020. On February 5, 2020, this card was used to make a \$300.00 transaction to another CashApp account.

[REDACTED]'s VISA Debit Card# [REDACTED] was added to Galloway's CashApp account on February 13, 2020 and unlinked on February 13, 2020. On February 13, 2020, this card was used to make a \$200.00 transaction to another CashApp account.

Further examination of the debit cards listed on Galloway's CashApp and a subsequent subpoena to Regions Bank, revealed another resident of the [REDACTED], [REDACTED]¹. [REDACTED]'s VISA Debit Card# [REDACTED] was added on February 13, 2020 and was removed on February 13, 2020. No unauthorized transactions were found to have occurred with this card. However, an attempt was made at transferring an unknown amount of money from the account to Galloway's CashApp.

Verizon Wireless provided subpoenaed documentation for a cellular telephone that Sharria Galloway was using (850-408-5670). The response indicated that this number belonged to TracFone Wireless, a prepaid, no-contract mobile phone reseller. Therefore, Verizon did not have any subscriber information.

TracFone Wireless, provided certified documentation for the same cellular telephone. TracFone returned records showing the subscriber information, a call log containing date and time, incoming and outgoing calls, length of call, and incoming and outgoing text messages.

The records show the cellular telephone was purchased from Wal-Mart, and activated on May 4, 2019, with Verizon as the carrier. TracFone does not require the customer to provide all of their subscriber information when the phone is activated. However, Inv. Findley was able to link some of the subscriber details that were provided by TracFone to Galloway through documents previously obtained in this investigation. The phone number (850) 408-5670 is the contact number the owner of the [REDACTED], Nathalie Thomas, had for Galloway. It is also the contact number American Financial had for contacting Galloway.

Inv. Findley reviewed the historical call details provided by TracFone, for known telephone calls Galloway made to American Financial on February 10, 2020 and February 18, 2020. There were twenty-five (25) calls made to (901) 623-2378 on these two days. Inv. Findley called the number and was informed that it was American Financial. Your Affiant verified the dates and times of the calls from Galloway's phone records matched those of the recordings for AF. In total, there were thirty-nine (39) telephone calls made to telephone numbers, known to connect with American Financial (AF), in January 2020 and February 2020.

Your Affiant asked Galloway how it is that the residents' bank account information ended up paying for her Buick Encore. Galloway said, "[REDACTED]." [REDACTED] Your Affiant asked Galloway if there was any way for her to explain how that could be. Galloway said, "[REDACTED]." Galloway was told again that the resident's debit cards were found to have been used to purchase her vehicle. Galloway was asked if she had anything to do with it. Galloway said, "[REDACTED]."

Your Affiant then showed Galloway a copy of the obtained CashApp information. [REDACTED] Your Affiant then began to read off all the debit card account owners attached to her CashApp. Upon calling out the accounts of the three [REDACTED] residents, Galloway [REDACTED].

Your Affiant then showed Galloway that the CashApp shows the three residents' accounts were added in mid-February 2020. Galloway then stated, "[REDACTED]." Galloway was asked again to explain how the residents' debit card information ended up on her accounts. Galloway said, "[REDACTED]" [REDACTED]

Galloway was shown a copy of the lease agreement for her Buick Encore. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Galloway was shown a copy of the transactions made from each of the resident's accounts and where they were used to pay American Financial and the transfers to her CashApp. While reading off all the transactions, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Galloway was asked who would have done it. [REDACTED] Your Affiant asked Galloway if she or someone else had access to the resident's debit cards. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Your Affiant asked Galloway to explain why someone would take the residents' debit cards and pay for her vehicle. Galloway responded "[REDACTED]." Galloway said "[REDACTED]." Galloway was told that your affiant has voice recordings of her calling American Financial and using the residents' debit cards to pay for her vehicle.

Galloway responded, "[REDACTED]" Galloway was told to tell the truth about what happened. Galloway said "[REDACTED]" [REDACTED] Galloway was asked to clarify what all charges to the resident's accounts she was responsible for. Galloway said [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Your Affiant asked Galloway to explain how she charged the resident's accounts. Galloway said [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Galloway was asked if she understood what she did was wrong. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]


Your Affiant, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has reason to believe and does believe that probable cause exists, that during the time period of February 5, 2020, through February 20, 2020, Sharria Shantez Galloway, committed:

Two (2) Felony counts of Exploitation of Elderly/Disabled Adult: §825.103(1)(a)(1) and §825.103(3)(c), Florida Statutes, a third-degree felony, by knowingly obtaining and using, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]'s, personal assets, depriving them of the use, benefit, and/or possession of their personal funds while standing in a position of trust and confidence with both disabled adults. The total amount Galloway admitted to taking from [REDACTED] was \$1,358.42. The total amount Galloway admitted to taking from [REDACTED] was \$1,134.24. A total of \$2,492.66 from both disabled adults.


Three (3) Felony counts of Criminal Use of Personal Identification Information: §817.568(2)(a) Florida Statute, a third-degree felony, by willfully and without authorization fraudulently using, and/or possessing with the intent to fraudulently use, the personal identification information of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] without first obtaining their consent.

Two (2) Felony counts of Fraudulent Use of Credit Cards: §817.61 and §817.67(2) Florida Statute, a third-degree felony, by defrauding the issuer or a person or organization providing money, goods, services, or anything else of value for the purpose of obtaining money, goods, services, or anything else of value, by representing herself as the holder of these cards. Galloway, in a 6-month period, February 5, 2020 through February 17, 2020, used [REDACTED]'s debit card three (3) times and in the same 6-month period, February 12, 2020 through February 20, 2020, also used [REDACTED]'s debit card three (3) times.

Wherefore, Your Affiant requests that an Arrest Warrant be issued commanding the Sheriffs of the State of Florida, all or singular, their deputies, the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, any of his constituted agents, the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and its duly appointed Law Enforcement Investigators and all Florida Police Officers, with the proper and necessary assistance, to arrest, Sharria Shantez Galloway.


Jerrod Rigdon, Affiant
Law Enforcement Investigator
Office of the Attorney General
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 2nd OF DECEMBER 2020


Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

