



Toms River Police Department

Officer Report for Case 24-46916

Nature: Assist Other

Address: 2338 ROUTE 9; TD BANK AT 9
CLOVER
TOMS RIVER NJ 08755

Location: L21

Offense Codes: ASST

Received By: Baroni, B.

How Received: T

Agency: TRPD

Responding Officers: Zuhowski, R., 172

Responsible Officer: Zuhowski, R.

Disposition: TOT 09/10/24

When Reported: 15:19:31 08/15/24

Occurred Between: 00:00:00 07/19/23 and 15:20:11 08/15/24

Assigned To: Parente, R

Detail: FRAU

Date Assigned: 08/16/24

Status: TOT

Status Date: 09/10/24

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last:

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address:

Race:

Sex:

Phone:

City: ,

Offense Codes

Reported:

Observed:

Additional Offense: ASST AGENCY ASSIST

Circumstances

VIDEO In-Car-Video

Responding Officers:

Unit :

Zuhowski, R.

21E

172

21E

Responsible Officer: Zuhowski, R.

Agency: TRPD

Received By: Baroni, B.

Last Radio Log: 16:54:21 08/15/24 COMP

How Received: T Telephone

Clearance: 6 Report

When Reported: 15:19:31 08/15/24

Disposition: TOT **Date:** 09/10/24

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 00:00:00 07/19/23

Misc Entry:

and: 15:20:11 08/15/24

Modus Operandi:

Description :

Method :

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	Relationship
08/15/24	Cad Call	15:19:31 08/15/24 Fraud	Initiating Call

Narrative

Toms River Police Department Investigation Narrative

Incident: Agency Assist

Incident Location: 2338 Route 9, TD Bank

Reporting Person: **INFO REDACTED**

On August 15, 2024, at approximately 1519 hours, I was dispatched to the Toms River Police Department Lobby for a fraud report. Upon arrival, contact was made with reporting person,

reported the following: On July 19, 2024, at approximately 1000 hours, received a phone call from who he believed was an agent from Homeland Security Investigations, named Anthony Salisbury. The individual advised that he had an active warrant for his arrest out of Miami, Florida for drug related charges and fake identification cards. was confused and advised he was willing to cooperate with who he assumed to be law enforcement officials in order resolve the misinformation. was then transferred to another individual named "Aziz Elkholy," who asked to identify all of his assets. cooperated and advised the male of all of his bank account totals from various banks, including TD Bank and Lakehurst Naval Federal Credit Union.

Over the next several days, the unknown males claiming to be Homeland Security Agents contacted and advised him of various instructions to withdraw cash and cashier checks from his banks, cash them at check cashing locations, and bring them to Bitcoin Machines, in order to place the money in a Bitcoin digital wallet. On numerous occasions, performed this similar routine, mainly in Manchester Township, where resides, and in Belmar. Additionally, was instructed to also purchase numerous gold bars and was told that an "agent" would drive up to his house, at which time Niilo should place the gold bars in the back seat.

Over the course of several weeks, had summited approximately \$362,700 in Bitcoin to the alleged agents. It should be noted that since July 19, 2024, had kept a detailed journal of every conversation that he has had with the alleged agents, including the actions and submissions of his assets to the unknown males into a Bitcoin Digital Wallet. reported that he responded to the TD Bank, located at 2338 Route 9 on one occasion to withdrawn cashier checks, however, the checks were then cashed at an unknown location in Manchester and ultimately entered into a Bitcoin Machine in Belmar.

On August 14, 2024, two males claiming to be Homeland Security Agents arrived at residence, felt that the males were suspicious and seemed to be looking to obtain more information from him, despite being advised in the past to never discuss the case with anyone. The male provided a Homeland Security business card for "John Cooley." The Ring Doorbell video of the incident is attached under the case files. then contacted a phone number he found on the internet for Homeland Security. The operator he spoke to advised there were no agents by that name and he may be a victim of fraud. At this time, contacted his banks and froze his accounts.

I contacted Detective Parente and advised him of the situation. He advised that he will be reviewing the "journal" kept by and will be following up with him. Photocopies of the journal were made and were submitted with this

report.

Ptl. Raymond Zuhowski #469
Toms River Police Department
August 15, 2024