Toms River Police Department

Officer Report for Case 24-07979

Nature: Fraud
Location: L52

Address:
TOMS RIVER NJ 08753

Offense Codes: WELF, FIMP
Received By: Auletta, A. **How Received:** T **Agency:** TRPD
Responding Officers: Badalis, B., 171, VanLew, A., 139
Responsible Officer: Badalis, B. **Disposition:** SC 03/06/24
When Reported: 14:32:09 02/08/24 **Occurred Between:** 14:32:09 02/08/24 and 14:37:22 02/08/24

Assigned To: Parente, R **Detail:** FRAU **Date Assigned:** 02/12/24
Status: SC **Status Date:** 03/06/24 **Due Date:** **/**/**

Complainant:

Last: **First:** **Mid:**
DOB: **/**/** **Dr Lic:** **Address:**
Race: **Sex:** **Phone:** **City:** ,

Offense Codes

Reported: WELF WELFARE CHECK **Observed:** FIMP FRAUD, ID/IMPERSONATION

Additional Offense: WELF WELFARE CHECK
Additional Offense: FIMP FRAUD, ID/IMPERSONATION

Circumstances

LT25 Other or Unknown Location

Responding Officers:	Unit :
Badalis, B.	52E
171	52E
VanLew, A.	51E
139	51E

Responsible Officer: Badalis, B. **Agency:** TRPD
Received By: Auletta, A. **Last Radio Log:** 15:25:23 02/08/24 COMP
How Received: T Telephone **Clearance:** 6 Report
When Reported: 14:32:09 02/08/24 **Disposition:** SC **Date:** 03/06/24
Judicial Status: **Occurred between:** 14:32:09 02/08/24

Misc Entry: **and:** 14:37:22 02/08/24

Modus Operandi: **Description :** **Method :**

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	Relationship
02/08/24	Cad Call	14:32:09 02/08/24 Welfare Check	Initiating Call

Narrative

Toms River Police Department
Investigation Narrative

Incident: Fraud
Wellbeing Check

Location:

Victim: INFO REDACTED

Suspect(s):

Items Purchased: One (1) Bitcoin: $20,000 and Three (3) Target Gift Cards: $390.00, $390.00 and $100.00 = $20,880

On 02/08/2024 at approximately 1432 hours, this officer #453 was dispatched to in reference to a wellbeing check. Toms River Police Communications advised that Adult Protective Services (APS) contacted this agency because they could not get in touch with a APS believed that was a victim of a fraud resulting in a large amount of money lost and needed to speak with him. Upon arrival of the residence, this officer made contact with

at first, was confused as to why APS would be calling on him because he does not have a case worker there. After discussing why APS sent this agency out to the residence, then remembered he was "scammed" on Monday (02/05/2024). When questioned how much money lost, he replied with approximately $20,880. At that time, this officer advised a fraud report will be completed on his behalf.

On Monday (02/05/2024) got a message/notice on his computer from "Microsoft" stating that his computer was hacked and he would have to call a number could not provide this officer with the number given) for additional help. Once he called the number, they provided him with a different number to call. That number belonged to a 'Mark White'.

'Mark White' told that he was a victim of identity theft and would have to send him money to get him out of trouble. was instructed to buy a Bitcoin (worth $20,000) and then three (3) Target gift cards (two (2) worth $390.00 and one (1) worth $100.00) on Monday. When asked how sent the Bitcoin to 'Mark White', he stated that he went to his bank (Wells Fargo) and took out 200, $100.00 bills (equaling $20,000) then brought that money to Western Union Check Cashing (793 Fischer Blvd.) to deposit it for a Bitcoin. It was learned that 'Mark White' had sent a QR Bitcoin Code that is believed to be linked to 'Mark White's' account, so that was where the transaction went. As for the Target gift cards (from 1331 Hooper Ave), scratched off the codes and sent the pictures of them to the aforementioned phone number. This officer asked if Wells Fargo questioned when trying to take out so much money, to which he stated "they did but I told them I needed it so they gave it to me". Target did not question him.

This officer then did a follow up at 793 Fischer Boulevard (Western Union) to see if they could assist this officer with gaining any information about Bitcoin transaction but they advised that the store has nothing to do with the machine. Therefore, this officer contacted the number on the machine (844-777-7282 UNBank World) to inquiry about the transaction. This officer spoke to an employee _, who advised all transactions are anonymous so there was no information he could provide me. supplied me with an email (support@unbank.com) if there were any further questions. Let it be noted, the Bitcoin machine's is serial number: BT104956 and model: BATM1.

. contacted Wells Fargo and advised them of the incident. The bank stated they will be trying to do an investigation on their end if possible. Wells Fargo Checking Account is:

This officer called 'Mark Whites' number and he answered. After trying to find out more information about himself or how one can "purchase" Bitcoin, he hung up and would not answer any further calls.

was strongly advised not to do anything regarding purchasing items for unknown individuals. He was given a report information card with this agency's case number on it. He was advised how to obtain a copy for his records. A picture of the QR code and Target receipt was attached to this report.

APS was notified as well.

Investigation ongoing.

Ptl. B. Badalis #453