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Incident #: 20-P14284

LAW INCIDENT:

Nature: FRAUD
Location:

Address: 1128 N ARTHUR AVE
City: Pocatello

ST: ID Zip: 83201

Offense Codes: FRAD

Received By: SWENSON, M

How Received: Officer Report

Agency: PPD

Rspndg Officers: OLSEN, R

Rspnsbl Officer: OLSEN, R

Disposition: Active

on 01/29/21

When Reported: 12:06:50 07/22/20

Occurred: Between 00:00:01 04/24/20 and 12:06:50 07/22/20

REPORTEES:

NAME: SWANSON, SCOTT D.

Name Number: 50851

Race: W Sex: M DOB: 07/04/81

Address: 1552 E ROANOKE DR, BOISE, ID 83712

Home Phone: () - Work Phone: () -

VICTIMS:

NAME: SWANSON, JAMES E.

Name Number: P0082357

Race: W Sex: M DOB: 02/12/48

Address: 1128 N ARTHUR AVE, Pocatello, ID 83201

Home Phone: (208)244-1211 Work Phone: () -

SUSPECTS:

NAME: TELFORD, TYLER J.

Name Number: 169608

Race: W Sex: M DOB: 07/02/79 Height: 5'09" Weight: 155 Hair: BLN Eyes: BLU

Address: 5066 W 900 N, DAYTON, ID 83232

Home Telephone: (208)478-6719 Work Telephone: (208)380-9206

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NARRATIVE:

OFFICER: OLSEN #5189 DICTATED: 07/28/2020 @ 1059 HOURS
INVESTIGATIVE TIME: 20 MINUTES
LAW INCIDENT #: 20-P14284
STENO INITIALS: MAB #5893
DATE & TIME TRANSCRIBED: 08/05/2020 @ 1035 HOURS

#8 - FRAUDULENT FINANCIAL TRANSACTION(S) INVESTIGATION:

- BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF OFFENSE:

On 07/22/2020 at approximately 1302 hours, I contacted SCOTT D. SWANSON by telephone. SCOTT is the Executor of the estate for his father JAMES E. SWANSON, who passed away in April 2020. SCOTT was reporting that his father's landlord, TYLER TELFORD, had created a Venmo account in his father's name by utilizing bank records and information that was in the residence after his father passed away. He said that TELFORD used that Venmo account to send money to himself.

- TRANSACTION(S) LOCATION(S):

At the time of this report, the location of the transactions was unknown.

- TOTAL AMOUNT OF LOSS:

At the time of this report, the total amount of loss was unknown.

- DESCRIPTION OF THE FRAUDULENT TRANSACTION(S):

At the time of this report, that information was not yet available.

- DOCUMENTS OF EVIDENCE TO BE FILED IN RECORDS:

None at this time.

- NARRATIVE:

On 07/22/2020 at approximately 1302 hours, I contacted reporting party SCOTT D. SWANSON by telephone. He stated that after his father JAMES E. SWANSON passed away in April 2020, he was named Executor of his father's estate. He told me that he had been going through things and dealing with his father's estate, and found that multiple payments had been initiated to JAMES'S landlord, TYLER TELFORD, from JAMES'S bank account with Westmark Credit Union.

SCOTT said he had been in contact with TELFORD and there were payments that had been made for rent and utilities. SCOTT said that if TELFORD was due money, he was fine with paying him, but felt it was wrong for him to have created a Venmo account in his father's name to provide himself with funds. He said he contacted individuals at Venmo and other institutions and was in the process of obtaining documentation to validate his claim and would send those documents to me when he received them.

I asked SCOTT if he knew where TELFORD was when he created the account, whether

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he was in the Pocatello area or where TELFORD lives, which is outside of Pocatello. He said he did not know. I told him that it was possible that there could be some jurisdictional issues, depending on where it actually took place. He said he would do more research, get more financial records, and attempt to get the documentation in order to properly report it.

I provided SCOTT with my email address and phone number, along with the case number for reference. I told him to send me the documents when he received them. I ended my call with SCOTT at that time. There is nothing further at this time.

End of report.

Officer: R. Olsen
Date Typed: 8-7-2020
Investigative Time: 5 minutes
LI: 20-P14284

Supplemental Narrative:

As of this date I have still not received an e-mail from the reporting party with the information requested. 5189

Officer: R. Olsen
Date Typed: 8-18-2020
Investigative Time: 5 minutes
LI: 20-P14284

Supplemental Narrative:

On 8-18-2020 I spoke with the reporting party SCOTT SWANSON. In speaking with him he stated that he had gotten busy with work and this had been put on the back burner. He stated that he is planning on working on getting things going next week and will be in touch when he has the documentation. 5189

OFFICER: OLSEN #5189 DICTATED: 02/05/2021 @ 0852 HOURS

INVESTIGATIVE TIME: 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES
LAW INCIDENT #: 20-P14284
STENO INITIALS: MJS #5894
DATE & TIME TRANSCRIBED: 02/10/2021 @ 1150 HOURS

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT:

- DOCUMENTS OF EVIDENCE TO BE FILED IN RECORDS:

Several documents sent to me by the reporting party have been attached to the Files section of this report. The following documents were sent on 01/22/2021, at 1503 hours:

- * Excel sheet labeled Copy of Venmo Transactions 79412187.xlsx
- * PDF Venmo Account Info.pdf
- * PDF Venmo Account Info par 2.pdf
- * Certificate of Death.pdf
- * Verizon bill May 22_2020.pdf
- * May Statement.pdf
- * April Statement.pdf

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The following documents were sent on 01/22/2021, at approximately 1530 hours:

- * Request for Admission.pdf
- * Scan0001 (3).pdf

On 01/28/2021, I received an email with the following attachment:

- * debit card location.pdf

- NARRATIVE:

The email from SCOTT SWANSON, the personal representative of his father's estate, JAMES SWANSON, states the following:

"Hello Officer Olsen, please see the attached documents regarding the activity of Tyler Telford in establishing a Venmo account for my deceased father, James Edward Swanson, after he had died. Including the evidence that he took the debit card. In summation, the evidence is as follows. As shown in my cellular telephone bill labeled Verizon bill May 22 2020.pdf the Bannock County Coroner first called me to inform me of my father's death on April 27, 2020. The Coroner's number is 208-236-7377. Subsequently, on April 28, 2020, the landlord Tyler Telford called me to discuss my father's possessions at the house Telford owns at 1128 Arthur Pocatello, Idaho. Telford's number is 208-380-9206. Both of these numbers are highlighted. As you can see in the attachment Certificate of Death.pdf, my father's body was discovered on April 25, 2020."

In comparing the Death Certificate and the report, JAMES was actually discovered on Aril 24, 2020. The email continued,

" On May 6, I notified my father's bank that he had died. Subsequently, around the end of May, I was appointed personal representative of his estate. We reviewed my father's bank account records and found several Venmo transactions that appeared on the April-May statement for the account. The first was for \$625 and the second was for \$725 with process dates of April 28, 2020 and May 5, 2020. Each transaction recites 'card transaction Venmo*Visa Direct New York'. I went to the local Westmark in Boise and called Venmo and each verified that these were transactions using my father's debit card. As you can see from the attached Westmark statement, it appears my father used the debit card until April 15, 2020. After which, there were no more standard transactions until the Venmo account on April 28, 2020. Subsequently, the state issued a subpoena to Venmo to obtain the information behind the transactions. The information is attached as Venmo Account Info.pdf and Venmo Account Info Part 2.pdf. The document Venmo Account Info reveals that the Venmo account was started in my father's account, James Swanson. The phone number recited is Tyler Telford's and the email is Tyler Telford's work email at Dayton School District. As you can see, Mr. Telford left off the birthday and social security number. Presumably because he did not have access to these. The second page of the account lists date joined as Sunday, April 26, at 1243:54 seconds AM. With User Agreement and Privacy Policy accepted just after that, which is just after midnight from the date he discovered my father's body. I am not positive which time zone this is, but based on the records, I think the time zones are Eastern times as discussed below in the discussion of the document that it lists the Venmo transactions. The second Venmo document, Venmo Account Info Part 2.pdf, lists that he added the Westmark Credit Union card ending in 4703 just after initiating the account. This was my father's debit card. The Excel spreadsheet titled Copy of Venmo

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Transactions was also provided by Venmo. This document shows when the Venmo transactions have been initiated and processed. The first two lines show that the first Venmo transaction initiated by Telford occurred on April 25, 2020, the same day my father's body was found. If you ask the Coroner, my father died sometime before and it is apparent from the Westmark statement for April that it was April 15 or April 16 most likely. The first Venmo transaction, row 2, reflects that when it was initiated in row 3, the case went completed. As shown in column Y, the section transaction in rows 4 and 5 was initiated on 5-01-2020. After I called Westmark and notified them of my father's death, they cancelled his debit card. Telford subsequently initiated four more transfers, which were all declined. Each of these transfers reflect in column AF scroll to the right of the Excel document the counter party of recipient of the transfer was Tyler Telford and the associated email is telftyle@gmail.com. Tyler Telford confirmed that this was his email address in discovery responses. If you scroll further to the right to columns A, Q, and A, R; you can see that the IP address from where the transactions occurred. I note these state West Valley City and Salt Lake City, but if you look each one up, they are Verizon IP address in Logan, Utah. The address shows as using Sparklight, formerly Cable One. I think this is what you need to know to issue the subpoena to determine the whereabouts when initiating these transactions further. Further as show in Telford's discovery response, Telford admitted to having "encountering" the debit card after he found my father's body."

The email goes on to state that Telford attempted to open a Cozy account for his father; however, because he did not have access to his father's actual bank account, he was unable to do this to verify the Cozy account. It also states that he believes Telford will claim he was authorized to do this, but any alleged authorization expired when JAMES died.

SCOTT said he obtained emails from the Dayton School District for TELFORD's account; however, the returned documents are very hard to read. He states further that TELFORD also claims he provided "verbal permission including authorizations to Westmark Credit Union over the phone to set up online accounts on his behalf." This meant that JAMES provided that for TELFORD; however, SCOTT discussed this extensively with Westmark Credit Union. They told him that they would not have record of that and that they do not allow these things without adding someone directly to the account.

The email on 01/22/2021, at 1530 hours, added that SCOTT forgot to include discovery documents where TELFORD admits to taking the debit card after JAMES passed. He had a highlighted excerpt from answer to request number six as well as a full copy of the document.

On 01/28/2021, SCOTT responded with another email that said "Today Telford responded to interrogatory sent by the state where he specifically admits taking the debit card from my father's coat after finding him deceased. See attached excerpt."

All of these emails and the attachments have been attached to the Files section of this report. I have reviewed all of the attachments. I will obtain a search warrant for Telford's cell phone records to determine his locations when the transactions were conducted. There is nothing further to report at this time.

End of report.

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Officer: R. Olsen
Date Typed: 3-2-21
Investigative Time: 1 hour
LI: 20-P14284

Supplemental Narrative:

On 2-26-21 I was able to complete a search warrant for TYLER TELFORD's cellphone records in reference to this investigation. I responded to the Honorable Judge Axline where it was reviewed and subsequently signed. I then returned to the Pocatello Police Department where it was faxed to Verizon Wireless for service. There is nothing further at this time. 5189

Officer: R. Olsen
Date Typed: 3-11-21
Investigative Time: 20 minutes
LI: 20-P14284

Supplemental Narrative:

On 3-3-21 I was contacted both by e-mail and phone by the reporting party SCOTT SWANSON. He stated that he had located in paperwork from the estate when asking about the property for his father, that TELFORD had admitted to taking the financial card and admitted to making the Venmo transfer at the residence on Arthur and the second at TELFORD'S home in Dayton ID. SWANSON advised me that he would be doing a deposition with TELFORD and that once it was completed he would send me a copy with the information documenting to his admissions to setting up the Venmo account and usage for money transfers. I attached his email. There is nothing further at this time. 5189

Officer: R. OLSEN
Date Typed: 4-1-2021
Investigative Time: 5 minutes
LI: 20-P14284

Supplemental Narrative:

On 4-1-2021 I sent an e-mail to the reporting party SCOTT SWANSON requesting an update on the remaining documentation he was going to send me. There is nothing further at this time. 5189

OFFICER: OLSEN #5189 DICTATED: 04/21/2021 @ 0756 HOURS

INVESTIGATIVE TIME: NOT PROVIDED
LAW INCIDENT #: 21-P14284
STENO INITIALS: MAB #5893
DATE & TIME TRANSCRIBED: 04/21/2021 @ 0840 HOURS

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT:

- DOCUMENTS OF EVIDENCE TO BE FILED IN RECORDS:

A PDF copy of an email from SCOTT SWANSON, which was sent on 04/06/2021, has been uploaded to the Files section of this report. The document is a typed deposition involving TYLER TELFORD and the estate for JAMES SWANSON, which was conducted on 03/03/2021. The file is labeled "57225b4 TT.pdf"

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- NARRATIVE:

On 04/06/2021 at approximately 1742 hours, I received an email from SCOTT SWANSON that contained an attachment. The email reads as follows:

"Hello Investigator Olsen,

Thank you for the follow up. I apologize for the delay. The transcript company took longer than expected to get the transcripts back and then I went on vacation last week.

Attached is the transcript for the deposition. Telford details taking the debit card from my deceased father's pocket then details using the debit card to start the venmo account at the Pocatello residence, then initiating the transfer.

I highlighted these relevant.

Of relevance if you search for "Cozy" in there you can see where Telford discusses trying to start a "cozy" account, which is similar to Venmo. However, Cozy links direct to a bank account and Telford did not have access to the Bank Account, thus, when the "test deposits" went through he could not verify the bank account details. I have bank account statements that show when Telford initiated these test deposits via cozy (they were for I think 54 cents total). I think this goes to disproving his ongoing claim that he had permission from a dead person to initiate the transfers.

Best,
Scott" [sic].

At that time, I reviewed the transcript for the deposition that had been done on 03/03/2021. On pages 113 to 116, it talks about TELFORD getting JAMES SWANSON'S debit card and using it at the residence at 1128 North Arthur Avenue the day after JAMES passed away. On page 118, TELFORD talks about getting JAMES' wallet out of his pocket when JAMES had been in a transitional care facility in 2019.

On page 120, it talks about JAMES saying that he just continued to write checks because they, referring to TELFORD and JAMES, could not get the online accounts to work. On page 121, it talks about TELFORD saying that JAMES had given him information to pay rent for the foreseeable future. TELFORD stated that he had tried to set up accounts in July 2017, but they did not work.

On pages 122 through 137, it talks about TELFORD attempting to set up a Cozy account for JAMES to pay rent. On pages 138 through 148, it talks about TELFORD setting up the Venmo accounts and using them with JAMES' debit card. On line 14 of page 147, it talks about TELFORD taking JAMES' debit card to pay rent after JAMES had been found deceased. On pages 186 through 188, it talks about TELFORD taking the card to pay JAMES' rent.

There is nothing further at this time. This report will be forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office for potential charges.

End of report.

Edited for accuracy on 04/22/2021 - MAB #5893

Party Search Results

Name	Date of Birth
Telford, Tyler J	07/02/1979

Current Address:	Height	Gender	DLNumber	Warrants (0)
Po Box 175	5' 9"	Male	ID NG200609I	Cases (6)
Dayton, ID 83232	Hair	Weight		Protection Orders (0)
	Blond or Strawberry	155		
		Eyes		
		Blue		

Cases

CR-2018-668

Type	Location	Party Name	Date of Birth
Infraction	Franklin County Magistrate Court	Telford, Tyler J	07/02/1979

CV-2012-17

Type	Location
A- All Initial Case Filings in Magistrate (ex. B,C,D,G, H2)	Franklin County Magistrate Court

Party Name	Date of Birth
Cushman, Conni R	07/02/1979

CR-2010-1196

Type	Location	Party Name	Date of Birth
Infraction	Franklin County Magistrate Court	Telford, Tyler J	07/02/1979

CR-2002-372

Type	Location	Party Name	Date of Birth
Infraction	Jefferson County Magistrate Court	Telford, Tyler J	07/02/1979

CR-2001-100016

Type	Location	Party Name	Date of Birth
Infraction	Minidoka County Magistrate Court	Telford, Tyler J	07/02/1979

CR-1997-12310

Type	Location	Party Name	Date of Birth
Infraction	Blaine County Magistrate Court	Telford, Tyler J	07/02/1979

Telford, Tyler J

07/02/1979

Current Address:	Height	Gender	DLNumber
256 N 10th	5' 9"	Male	UT 169576645
Pocatello, ID 83201	Hair	Weight	
	Blond or Strawberry	140	
		Eyes	
		Blue	

Warrants (0)

Cases (3)

Protection Orders (0)

Cases

CR-2007-5429

Type	Location	Party Name	Date of Birth
Infraction	Bannock County Magistrate Court	Telford, Tyler J	07/02/1979

CR-2005-18067

Type	Location	Party Name	Date of Birth
Infraction	Bonneville County Magistrate Court	Telford, Tyler J	07/02/1979

CR-1998-13240

Type	Location	Party Name	Date of Birth
Infraction	Bannock County Magistrate Court	Telford, Tyler J	07/02/1979