



**Florida Department of Law Enforcement
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Public Corruption Unit**



Investigative Summary

FDLE Case Number: EI-11-0077

Subject(s): Bryan Lober

Judicial Circuit: Eighteenth Judicial Circuit

County: Brevard



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OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE INVESTIGATIONS INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

CASE NUMBER:	EI-11-0077	DATE: May 14, 2024
CASE AGENT:	Inspector David Hubbard	
SUBJECT(s):	Bryan Lober, former Brevard County Commissioner, District 2	
INCIDENT DATE(S):	November 20, 2018 – April 1, 2022	
INCIDENT LOCATION(s):	Brevard County, Eighteenth Judicial Circuit	
ALLEGATION(S) / CHARGE(S):	F.S.S. 812.014(3)(c) Grand Theft; Felony of the 3rd Degree F.S.S. 817.034(d) Scheme to Defraud; Felony of the 3rd Degree F.S.S. 212.085 Fraudulent Claim of Exemption; Felony of the 3rd Degree	

INVESTIGATIVE PREDICATE:

On November 16, 2022, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Office of Executive Investigations (OEI) received criminal allegations against former District 2 Brevard County Commissioner Bryan Lober. The allegations were based on the findings of an audit conducted by the Brevard County Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Office. The audit found that Mr. Lober used his, and his Chief of Staff, Frank "Fritz" VanVolkenburgh's county-issued purchase cards for numerous personal use purchases. Additionally, the audit revealed that Mr. Lober used the Consumer's Certificate of Exemption, issued by the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) to the Brevard County Government for tax-exempt purchases and referred to as a tax-exempt certificate, for non-governmental purchases.

Pursuant to this investigation, OEI Inspectors reviewed the audit and records provided by the Clerk's Office. Additionally, OEI Inspectors reviewed records obtained during the investigation and conducted interviews of former, and current Brevard County employees.

Brevard Clerk's Office Audit Report

In December 2021, Brevard County Manager, Frank Abbate, and Central Services Director Steven Darling approached County Attorney, Abigail Jorandby, with their concerns regarding Mr. Lober's purchase card use. Mr. Abbate and Mr. Darling urged Ms. Jorandby to investigate Mr. Lober's purchases based on his practice of purchasing items at or near the single transactional limit allowed of \$750.00.

Ms. Jorandby explained to Mr. Abbate, Mr. Darling, and later to OEI Inspectors, that the Brevard County Administrative Orders did not apply to the board of county commissioners. The county's administrative orders were the county managers' orders to direct the county employees' conduct. Ms. Jorandby reviewed the Brevard County Commission's policies and determined none addressed the use of purchase cards by county commissioners. The only policy regarding purchase cards was an administrative order that addressed county employees' purchase card use, which did not apply to county commissioners. Ms. Jorandby did not review Mr. Lober's purchases but was told that he had not made any questionable purchases such as trips, cigarettes, alcohol, or lottery tickets.

Ms. Jorandby learned of accusations about Mr. Lober using county-funded purchases for personal use after overhearing conversations about a surveillance video depicting him bringing items into his office when the audit team visited his office to initiate the audit. The surveillance video Ms. Jorandby references was included in the clerk's audit that depicted Mr. Lober and his wife, Rebecca, carrying boxes of unknown items into the building where the District 2 office was located in Merritt Island. Ms. Jorandby added that during the pandemic, it was an accepted practice to allow county employees to work from home.

On February 22, 2022, the Brevard Board of County Commissioners requested that Clerk Rachel Sadoff's Office conduct an audit of Brevard County government-issued purchase card expenditures made by cardholders of each commissioner's office. The clerk's audit included a review of purchases made by employees from each district office, a review of reconciliation reports, an inventory of items purchased, and interviews with county employees.

The audit report alleged that Mr. Lober made purchases that were "not necessary to conduct District 2's primary function in government." During the clerk's interview with District 2, Chief of Staff Fritz VanVolkenburgh, it was discovered that Mr. Lober made purchases using Mr. VanVolkenburgh's purchase card. Mr. VanVolkenburgh told OEI Inspectors that it was part of his duties to purchase items needed for the office. He was the only District 2 employee with a county-issued purchase card when Mr. Lober took office. Soon after Mr. Lober took office, he asked Mr. VanVolkenburgh to make any necessary purchases. After a short time, Mr. Lober asked Mr. VanVolkenburgh for his physical card so he could make purchases. After Mr. Lober made purchases, he would return the purchase card to Mr. VanVolkenburgh. After an undetermined amount of time, Mr. Lober began making purchases without asking or requiring Mr. VanVolkenburgh's physical card. Initially, Mr. Lober would inform Mr. VanVolkenburgh of his purchases but later stopped. Mr. VanVolkenburgh believed Mr. Lober had retained the necessary card information so there was no need to possess the physical card to make purchases.

Initially, Mr. VanVolkenburgh asked Mr. Lober about the purchases. However, after a while, Mr. VanVolkenburgh believed he was not in a position to question a commissioner. He saw most items purchased by Mr. Lober that came to the office but explained that he was unaware of some of Lober's purchases and would only find out when the items were delivered to the information desk located at the government complex in Viera. Mr.

VanVolkenburgh added that he was also aware that some of the items were delivered directly to Lober's residence.

Inventory of Bryan Lober Purchases

Per information obtained from the Brevard County Clerk, Lober had a pattern of making purchases that did not relate to County business. Per the Brevard County Clerk, although Lober gave or attempted to give some of his purchased items to different departments of the County, these were items that were not requested and not needed at the time of purchase. OEI Inspectors reviewed the itemized spreadsheet included with the Brevard Clerk's audit that documented all purchases attributed to Mr. Lober, including purchases he made with Mr. VanVolkenburgh's purchase card. OEI Inspectors identified 153 items that the Clerk's Office recovered and accounted for in their audit, which totaled \$32,866.52 in purchases made with county funds. These items are detailed in the attached table, titled Appendix A. In addition, OEI Inspectors identified 108 items that the Clerk's Office was not able to recover or account for in their audit, which totaled \$9,125.22 in purchases made with county funds. These items are detailed in the attached table, titled Appendix B.

Bivy Stick Purchase

The clerk's audit highlighted Mr. Lober's purchase of two Bivy Sticks, which were purchased on May 25, 2021, using Mr. VanVolkenburgh's purchase card, for \$605.00. A monthly access fee of \$49.99 was paid on August 4, and September 4, 2021, with Mr. Lober's purchase card. A Bivy Stick is a device that connects to a satellite, and uses a Bluetooth connection with a mobile device, to send text messages and emails from anywhere in the world. It is commonly used by individuals who travel to remote areas where there is no mobile phone service.

Matthew Wallace, the Brevard County Public Safety Director, told OEI Inspectors that sometime in the spring of 2021, he was approached by Mr. Lober and asked if he would be interested in the possibility of satellite phone capabilities. Mr. Wallace said that redundancy in communications during a critical incident is always best and he would never turn down the opportunity for that capability. Mr. Lober said that if he obtained that type of communications capability, he would let Mr. Wallace have it and they would work out the cost later.

Mr. Wallace said that he did not know what a Bivy Stick was when he received it and that he had believed it was a satellite phone. After researching what a Bivy Stick was, he decided to wait until there was a critical need, such as a hurricane, before activating the device to test its capabilities. An unspecified amount of time had passed when Mr. Lober contacted Mr. Wallace, saying that he had used his Bivy Stick in a remote area and was able to have a conversation. Since that contact was initiated, Mr. Lober has never spoken to Mr. Wallace again about the Bivy Stick.

ACR Electronics, which manufactures Bivy Sticks, provided records that showed Mr. Lober activated his Bivy Stick on August 4, 2021, while at his residence. Afterward, the device was used periodically, with the last recorded date of activation being August 20, 2021. According to the records, most of the communication with the Bivy Stick is location sharing, with some short, personal text messages or emails. After the last transmission on August 20, 2021, the device was not activated or used again. No text messages contained in the ACR Electronics records associated with Mr. Lober's Bivy Stick can be attributed to a business purpose. Below is an example of personal text messages sent and received by Mr. Lober during his use of the Bivy Stick.

Date/Time	Type	Data
8/4/2021 4:27	CHECK-IN EMAIL	Test checkin message [28.3111,-80.7063]
8/7/2021 19:06	TEXT SEND	This is Bryan. Can you read this?
8/7/2021 19:07	TEXT SEND	You are my wife.
8/7/2021 19:09	TEXT RECEIVE	Thank you, love you
8/15/2021 14:04	TEXT SEND	In flight messaging is dead. I'm on satellite now.
8/15/2021 14:05	TEXT SEND	Our next flight appears to be slightly delayed so we *may* be okay.

8/15/2021 14:06	TEXT SEND	If you can, I'd still appreciate you checking on alternate flights with other airlines that leave 12:00 - 1:30ish from BWI to BOS.
8/15/2021 14:10	TEXT SEND	Our first flight is majorly delayed. We may not make it to Maine tonight.
8/17/2021 17:07	TEXT SEND	At top of mountain now. All going well.
8/17/2021 17:08	TEXT SEND	Everything going well. At top of mountain now.
8/17/2021 17:11	TEXT SEND	Still no luggage but otherwise great.
8/18/2021 16:12	TEXT SEND	On bar island now
8/18/2021 16:12	TEXT SEND	On bar island now
8/20/2021 21:19	TEXT SEND	Luggage should be with us this time. We checked in over 3 hours prior to this flight.
8/20/2021 21:20	TEXT SEND	Amazing to be able to communicate by satellite while in flight.
8/20/2021 21:21	TEXT SEND	On flight to Newark now. In the air.
8/20/2021 21:23	TEXT RECEIVE	So you are in the air now?
8/20/2021 21:24	TEXT SEND	Yes. Over Connecticut.
8/20/2021 21:25	TEXT SEND	Neat, right?
8/20/2021 21:25	TEXT SEND	Rebecca is holding the transceiver by the window.
8/20/2021 21:26	TEXT RECEIVE	Yes, different
8/20/2021 21:26	TEXT RECEIVE	Which airline are you flying?

The clerk's audit indicated that Mr. Lober's wife, Rebecca Lober, who was employed as in-house counsel with the Brevard Clerk of Courts Office, took time off from work for the week of Monday, August 16th through Friday, August 20, 2021.

Mr. Lober's former office assistant, Maria "Kika" Golan, provided a copy of an email dated August 13, 2021, subject line, "Contact info during my vacation," in which he provided a "satellite" phone number, 858-227-6976, to be used to contact him in case of an emergency. He explained that the phone number "only supports text messages, not calls." The phone number was confirmed with ACR Electronics to be the phone number assigned to Mr. Lober's activated Bivy Stick. The email was sent to County Manager Frank Abbate, Assistant County Manager John Denninghoff, Assistant County Manager Jim Liesenfelt, Fire Chief Matthew Wallace, and the District 2 email group. OEI Inspectors reviewed the ACR Electronics records and determined that Mr. Lober never used the Bivy Stick to contact Mr. Matthew Wallace.

Office Chair Purchase

The audit referenced a tangerine-in-color office chair Mr. Lober purchased that was unable to be accounted for during the initial audit process. A review of Mr. Lober's personal Amazon account shows that on July 5, 2021, he used his personal credit card to purchase an Amazon e-gift card valued at \$9.50. A few minutes later, he used Mr. VanVolkenburgh's purchase card to buy a Steelcase brand office chair valued at \$759.50. Mr. Lober applied an Amazon e-gift card valued at \$9.50 to his purchase of the Steelcase chair, which lowered the cost of the chair to \$750.00. Amazon records show the office chair was delivered to, 2725 Judge Jamieson Way, Building C, information desk, Melbourne, Florida, on July 10, 2021. A few minutes after the chair was purchased, Mr. Lober purchased office chair casters for \$31.40 to be delivered to his District 2 office in Merritt Island. After repeated attempts to locate the office chair by the clerk's audit staff, and the fact that Mr. Lober could not produce the chair, he eventually purchased a chair to replace the one that was missing. The chair casters Mr. Lober purchased were never accounted for by the clerk's audit staff, and Mr. Lober did not purchase replacement chair casters.

During an interview with OEI Inspectors, Mr. VanVolkenburgh said that he never saw the original tangerine office chair that Mr. Lober purchased. Mr. VanVolkenburgh was at the commissioner's office when the replacement office chair was delivered and observed the chair firsthand. Inspectors contacted Steelcase customer service

and provided the information printed on the replacement chair's manufacturer's tag. Customer service personnel confirmed that the replacement chair was the same model that matched the original chair purchased by Mr. Lober.

Business Prime Membership

A review of the Brevard County Clerk's audit summary included a list of all P-Card purchases attributed to Mr. Lober, which included a purchase on December 21, 2021, to Amazon.com for a B2B (Business) Prime membership, for \$179.00. According to Amazon.com, the Business Prime Essentials Membership plan has an annual fee of \$179.00 that allows up to three members to use the account. Amazon.com's website states, "By linking your accounts, you can keep all the benefits of your personal account while also accessing Business Prime benefits, including business analytics, consolidated shipping, and free business delivery." Other benefits listed on Amazon.com are:

Business Prime shipping benefits

- Free two-day shipping
- Free same-day/one-day shipping
- Discounted expedited delivery
- Free Amazon day delivery
- Free consolidated shipping (3-5 days)
- Free delivery on special items

Business Prime shopping benefits

- Prime Day deals
- Prime early access

On February 9, 2024, Inspector David Hubbard submitted a subpoena to Amazon.com requesting records of the Business Prime Membership purchased with Mr. Lober's Brevard County purchasing card, ending number 3055. The records request was done to determine if the Business Prime Membership was used by Mr. Lober in an undiscovered Amazon account.

On February 15, 2024, Amazon.com provided the requested records available for download in the Amazon law enforcement portal. An itemized review of the purchases documented in the records received matched the records of purchases Mr. Lober made on his personal Amazon account, thereby indicating the two accounts were linked.

Use of Consumer's Certificate of Exemption for personal purchase, Rockler Companies, Inc.

The clerk's audit discovered that Mr. Lober used the Brevard County, Consumer's Certificate of Exemption, otherwise referred to as a tax-exemption form, for personal purchases made with his personal credit card.

Mr. VanVolkenburgh told OEI Inspectors that he was in the office when Ms. Golan received a phone call from a Rockler company representative who was inquiring about the "tax-exemption form." Mr. VanVolkenburgh was unaware of the purchase from Rockler made by Mr. Lober and therefore, could not answer the representative's questions. Mr. VanVolkenburgh told Ms. Golan to tell Mr. Lober that a Rockler company representative called, but not to mention anything about the questions regarding the tax-exempt form. Approximately two weeks later a package arrived at the office from Rockler company. Mr. VanVolkenburgh opened the package and saw a tool inside, but did not recognize what type of tool. A week or two after the package was delivered, the Brevard government purchase card statement arrived but did not show a purchase from Rockler. Mr. VanVolkenburgh said that the next time Mr. Lober came to the office, he took the tool when he left.

Mr. VanVolkenburgh was unsure why the Rockler purchase did not appear on the purchase card statement. He asked Ms. Golan to call Rockler and request more information about the purchase. The information Mr. VanVolkenburgh received indicated that Mr. Lober had used his office address and phone number during the purchase, therefore the company called the commissioner's office to clarify questions about the tax-exempt form. Mr. VanVolkenburgh was provided copies of Mr. Lober's original order which showed he was charged sales tax on his purchases. Additionally, he learned that there was an email exchange between Mr. Lober and a Rockler company representative regarding the tax-exemption form, which he requested. Rockler provided Mr. VanVolkenburgh a copy of an email from Mr. Lober, listing the email address loberb@gmail.com, referencing his desire to use the tax-exempt form. OEI Inspectors received the same Rockler records regarding Mr. Lober's email by subpoena that customer service copied and placed in his purchases, "order notes," which stated the following:

*"Dear Sir or Madam: I spoke with Marilyn at Rockler's customer service line at approximately 8:05AM (Eastern) this morning regarding a sales tax question. As I mentioned to Marilyn, your FAQ page (<https://www.rockler.com/customer-service/faqordering#TaxExemptCustomers>) indicates that the tax-exempt certificate must be signed. As I advised Marilyn, Florida does not have any area for which a signature is normally affixed on our tax-exempt certificates. Marilyn advised that I go ahead and place the order and subsequently email customercare@rockler.com with my order number in the subject line and a copy of my tax-exempt certificate (number 85-8012621749C-1 which expires 10/31/2022) so that it may be applied to my order before it ships. She also asked that I place a note in the comments/memo section of the order indicating that the order is tax exempt. The account with which I have placed the order is rockler@bryanlober.com. I have used this account for personal purchases in the past and I intend to continue to do so in the future to keep all Rockler purchases together. When I have an order, which is placed for or on behalf of my employer (Brevard County Board of County Commissioners), I intend to notate the memo/comments section of the order, as I have done with this most recent order, so that tax is not charged on applicable orders. As such, please be advised I just placed an order on Rockler's website in which I notated that the order is tax exempt. (All the text of this email was placed into the memo section ("Tax Exempt Information (Optional)") of that order.) Please do not process the order if, for any reason, you are unable to apply the tax-exempt certificate. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Truly,
Bryan"*

Additionally, Rockler provided copies of invoices for the three separate purchases. Invoice #8334795, dated April 1, 2021, for \$1,717.00, invoice #8690466, dated July 25, 2021, for \$103.99, and invoice #8696342, dated July 27, 2021, for \$37.98, all indicated they were paid, resulting in a zero balance with no sales tax charged.

The Brevard County Clerk's audit summary documented the discovery of Mr. Lober's re-election campaign finance records which listed his purchases from Rockler. A subpoena was issued to the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections (SOE) office requesting Mr. Lober's campaign financial transaction records. Records returned to OEI Inspectors indicated that on March 20, 2021, a purchase was made from Rockler Companies, Inc. for "sign building tools and supplies/fasteners" for \$1,717.00, which coincides with Rockler invoice #8334795.

Mr. Lober's campaign financial record dated July 23, 2021, indicated a purchase from Rockler Companies, Inc. for "sign building tools and supplies for \$152.26, which is the cost of items to include sales tax. The campaign records show an amendment, indicating that the purchase of \$152.26 should be deleted. Below this entry, two separate Rockler purchases were added for \$103.99, and \$37.98, which coincide with Rockler invoices #8690466 and #8696342.

Pursuant to information received from the Florida Department of Revenue (FDOR), no records were identified to indicate that Bryan Lober paid the appropriate Use Tax, related to the aforementioned three purchases using the county's tax-exempt status.

The following findings are based on the evidence, documentation, and information obtained during OEI's investigation:

- Lober was sworn in as Brevard County Commissioner, District 2, on November 20, 2018, and resigned on April 1, 2022.
- On February 22, 2022, the Brevard Board of County Commissioners requested the Brevard County Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Office, to conduct an audit of county-issued purchase card expenditures of all cardholders from each commissioner's office.
- The Brevard County Clerk's audit discovered that Commissioner Bryan Lober used his, and his Chief of Staff, Robert "Fritz" VanVolkenburgh's county-issued purchase card to make 319 separate purchases.
- The Brevard County Clerk's inventory identified 153 items purchased by Bryan Lober, totaling \$32,866.52.
- The Brevard County Clerk's inventory identified 108 items purchased by Bryan Lober, totaling \$9,125.22.
- Lober had a pattern of making purchases that did not relate to County business.
- On April 1, 2021, Bryan Lober avoided paying sales tax of \$124.48 on a purchase totaling \$1,717.00 from Rockler, Inc. when he used a Brevard County, Use of Consumer's Certificate of Exemption, while using his personal credit card.
- On June 25, 2021, Bryan Lober avoided paying sales tax of \$2.75 on a purchase totaling \$37.98 from Rockler, Inc. when he used a Brevard County, Use of Consumer's Certificate of Exemption, while using his personal credit card.
- On June 27, 2021, Bryan Lober avoided paying sales tax of \$7.54 on a purchase totaling \$103.99 from Rockler, Inc. when he used a Brevard County, Use of Consumer's Certificate of Exemption, while using his personal credit card.
- Per the Florida Department of Revenue, there were no records to indicate that Bryan Lober paid Use Tax for the aforementioned purchases.

Based on the information reviewed during this investigation, including audit records, campaign finance reports, bank records, purchase records, and interviews, it can be determined that Bryan Lober (W/M, DOB 01-06-1984), knowingly and unlawfully purchased 108 items totaling \$9,125.22 with the Brevard County P-card, which were not returned to the County and in doing so permanently deprived Brevard County Government of the items and the funds used for purchase. Additionally, Bryan Lober fraudulently used a Brevard County Consumer's Certificate of Exemption for the purpose of evading sales tax in the amount of \$134.77, during three separate purchases using his personal credit card for non-Brevard County related transactions, from April 1, 2021, through June 27, 2021, and in doing so avoided paying the required sales tax to Rockler, Inc. Bryan Lober engaged in a systematic, ongoing course of conduct with the intent to defraud the citizens of Brevard County when he used Brevard County issued P-card's to purchase 108 non-county required items and by also using the Brevard County Consumer's Certificate of Exemption to avoid paying the required sales tax.

A copy of this document, all related Investigative Reports, and corresponding documents were provided to the State Attorney's Office in and for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit for their review and any additional prosecutorial determination.

Located Items Chart

Appendix A

Cardholder	Purchase Date	Vendor	Item Purchased/Refunded	Amount	Notes
VanVolkenburgh	1/12/2019	Zoro Tools Inc.	Cork Bulletin Board with Frame	\$66.69	
VanVolkenburgh	2/19/2019	Amazon.com	Office Supplies	\$35.72	
VanVolkenburgh	7/12/2019	Amazon.com	Refund (partial) on Camera	(\$50.00)	
VanVolkenburgh	10/10/2019	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	10/15/2019	Fine Line Printing	Call Log Books	\$255.00	
VanVolkenburgh	10/15/2019	McMaster-Carr	Wires/tubing for cellular-vehicle	\$71.17	
VanVolkenburgh	10/16/2019	McMaster-Carr	Refund Wire/tubing for Cellular (Vehicle)	(\$4.19)	
VanVolkenburgh	10/16/2019	Amazon.com	Reflective Safety Vest	\$31.26	
VanVolkenburgh	10/20/2019	Amazon.com	Cable for Cellular Booster, pens	\$25.90	
VanVolkenburgh	10/22/2019	Amazon.com	Reflective Safety Vest	\$32.99	
VanVolkenburgh	10/23/2019	Amazon.com	Refund Reflective Safety Vest	(\$31.26)	
VanVolkenburgh	11/4/2019	High Performance Alloys	Shielding for Cellular Amplifier	\$187.38	
VanVolkenburgh	11/10/2019	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	11/12/2019	Florida Assoc Counties	Ethics Course	\$75.00	
VanVolkenburgh	12/10/2019	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	1/10/2020	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	2/6/2020	Amazon.com	Presentation Binding Machinery	\$258.20	
VanVolkenburgh	2/10/2020	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	2/12/2020	International Transaction	Intl. Trans. Fee for Video Editing Software (Germany)	\$1.17	
VanVolkenburgh	3/10/2020	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	4/10/2020	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	4/29/2020	In Reach CE Online	On-Line Seminars	\$315.00	
VanVolkenburgh	5/1/2020	Amazon.com	Copy paper, AAA Batteries	\$58.97	
VanVolkenburgh	5/10/2020	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	6/1/2020	Amazon.com	USB Speakerphone	\$167.67	
VanVolkenburgh	6/8/2020	Nexdock Touch	14" Touchscreen & Keyboard	\$100.00	
VanVolkenburgh	6/10/2020	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	6/19/2020	USPS.com	USPS Priority Mail	\$7.75	
VanVolkenburgh	7/10/2020	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	7/15/2020	In Reach CE Online	Seminar (Government Law)	\$50.00	
VanVolkenburgh	8/11/2020	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	8/21/2020	Pcloud.com	Cloud-Based File Storage	\$475.00	
VanVolkenburgh	8/21/2020	Nexdock Touch	14" Touchscreen & Keyboard	\$184.00	
VanVolkenburgh	8/24/2020	International Transaction	Intl. trans fee (Switzerland)	\$4.75	
VanVolkenburgh	9/9/2020	Amazon.com	Germ-x Hand Sanitizer	\$35.98	
VanVolkenburgh	9/10/2020	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	9/17/2020	Amazon.com	Graphics Software - Corel/Draw Graphics Suite 2020	\$499.00	
VanVolkenburgh	9/18/2020	Amazon.com	Audio Editing Software	\$599.00	
VanVolkenburgh	10/10/2020	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	10/15/2020	Amazon.com	Webcam (for Meetings) GoPro Hero 9	\$449.99	
VanVolkenburgh	10/19/2020	Amazon.com	Laptop Case	(\$25.11)	

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VanVolkenburgh	10/20/2020	Amazon.com	Audio Editing Software	(\$599.00)	
VanVolkenburgh	10/21/2020	Amazon.com	Tripod & Cable	\$282.96	
VanVolkenburgh	11/2/2020	Amazon.com	Tripod	\$259.99	
VanVolkenburgh	11/3/2020	Amazon.com	Tripod	(\$260.97)	
VanVolkenburgh	11/10/2020	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	11/25/2020	Amazon.com	Infrared Thermometer	\$199.99	
VanVolkenburgh	12/1/2020	Amazon.com	Portable Power Bank - Anker Power House II	\$339.99	
VanVolkenburgh	12/2/2020	Amazon.com	Infrared Thermometer	(\$199.99)	
VanVolkenburgh	12/3/2020	Amazon.com	Infrared Thermometer	\$99.99	
VanVolkenburgh	12/6/2020	Factory Supply Outlet	Disposable Gloves (Neoprene)	\$195.65	
VanVolkenburgh	12/10/2020	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	12/14/2020	GoFundMe	Burial (Donation)	\$750.00	
VanVolkenburgh	12/23/2020	Amazon.com	Hard Drive	\$84.99	
VanVolkenburgh	1/10/2021	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	1/10/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Memory	\$115.45	
VanVolkenburgh	1/10/2021	Amazon.com	Memory, adapter, storage media	\$519.95	
VanVolkenburgh	1/26/2021	Amazon.com	Return of Hard Drive	(\$84.99)	
VanVolkenburgh	1/26/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Memory	\$266.99	
VanVolkenburgh	1/30/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Storage Media	\$269.98	
VanVolkenburgh	2/5/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Storage Media	(\$269.98)	
VanVolkenburgh	2/5/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Drives, Converters)	\$403.64	
VanVolkenburgh	2/7/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Memory	(\$115.45)	
VanVolkenburgh	2/8/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Memory	(\$192.99)	
VanVolkenburgh	2/10/2021	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	2/12/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Storage	(\$5.00)	
VanVolkenburgh	2/21/2021	Amazon.com	Storage Media	(\$269.98)	
VanVolkenburgh	2/23/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Memory	(\$266.99)	
VanVolkenburgh	2/28/2021	Amazon.com	Dusters for computer equip.	\$22.43	
VanVolkenburgh	3/2/2021	International Transaction	Intl Trans Fee (Hong Kong)	\$0.74	
VanVolkenburgh	3/2/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Drive Converters	(\$67.98)	
VanVolkenburgh	3/2/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Drive	(\$335.66)	
VanVolkenburgh	3/5/2021	Amazon.com	Partial Refund - Adapter	(\$45.58)	
VanVolkenburgh	3/9/2021	Newegg Inc.	Personal Computer & Memory - AS Rock NUC	\$589.98	
VanVolkenburgh	3/10/2021	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	3/22/2021	Amazon.com	Hand tools (comp. assembly)	\$213.50	
VanVolkenburgh	3/23/2021	Newegg Inc.	Refund of Memory	(\$16.02)	
VanVolkenburgh	3/23/2021	Newegg Inc.	Refund of Memory	(\$188.97)	
VanVolkenburgh	4/1/2021	CDW Govt	Epson DS Document Scanner	\$510.00	
VanVolkenburgh	4/2/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Fan	(\$16.95)	
VanVolkenburgh	4/7/2021	CDW Govt	Computer Storage - QNAP 9 Bay Desktop NAS AMD Ryzen	\$750.00	
VanVolkenburgh	4/9/2021	Factory Supply Outlet	Disposable gloves(partial refund)	(\$133.20)	

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VanVolkenburgh	4/10/2021	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	4/11/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Network Equipment	\$178.53	
VanVolkenburgh	4/13/2021	Factory Supply Outlet	Disposable Gloves - Refund	(\$62.45)	
VanVolkenburgh	4/14/2021	Amazon.com	Network equip	(\$178.53)	
VanVolkenburgh	4/26/2021	First Amendment Found	Govt-In-Sunshine Manuals	\$209.04	
VanVolkenburgh	5/10/2021	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	5/12/2021	Amazon.com	Ethernet Adapter (Sabrenet USB 5 gig), cable	\$118.40	
VanVolkenburgh	5/25/2021	ACR Electronics Inc.	2 Bivy Sticks	\$605.00	
VanVolkenburgh	5/28/2021	Bestbuy.com	Laptop Computer - LG Ultra PC 13" Full HD Laptop	\$699.99	
VanVolkenburgh	6/5/2021	Newegg Inc.	Box PC, Internal Drive - AS Rock PC	\$643.97	
VanVolkenburgh	6/10/2021	Samsung Electronics	Secure WiFi monthly fee	\$1.99	
VanVolkenburgh	6/10/2021	Amazon.com	2 Network Connectors, HDMI Cable (HDMI unaccounted for)	\$176.41	
VanVolkenburgh	6/13/2021	Amazon.com	Bottled Water, Air Freshener	\$20.78	
VanVolkenburgh	6/15/2021	Amazon.com	Return of 1 network Connector	(\$38.71)	
VanVolkenburgh	6/18/2021	Markertek Video Supply	Receiver for Multimedia Interface	\$539.91	
VanVolkenburgh	6/21/2021	Markertek Video Supply	Transmitter for Multimedia Interface	\$541.00	
VanVolkenburgh	6/24/2021	Jawstec3Dprinting	Computer Part (3D Printing)	\$158.37	
VanVolkenburgh	6/28/2021	Amazon.com	Return of 1 network Connector	(\$38.71)	
Lober	7/5/2021	International Transaction	Int. Trans. Fee (France)	\$0.63	
Lober	7/5/2021	Provantage	HX Dual Monitor Arm Lift	\$440.00	
Lober	7/7/2021	McMaster-Carr	Brackets Hardware Fasteners	\$193.48	
Lober	7/9/2021	Newegg Inc.	AORUS 32" Monitor	\$749.99	
VanVolkenburgh	7/10/2021	Amazon.com	Office Chair	\$750.00	Replaced by Lober
Lober	7/14/2021	McMaster-Carr	Washers, screws, nuts	\$116.67	
Lober	7/19/2021	McMaster-Carr	Screws, washers	\$23.83	
VanVolkenburgh	7/19/2021	Markertek Video Supply	Return of Shipping Fee	(\$24.91)	
Lober	7/29/2021	McMaster-Carr	Fasteners (screws, washer)	\$72.84	
Lober	8/2/2021	McMaster-Carr	Locknuts	\$7.93	
Lober	8/2/2021	McMaster-Carr	Screws, locknuts	\$37.84	
Lober	8/4/2021	McMaster-Carr	Fasteners (screws, locknuts)	\$45.83	
Lober	8/4/2021	Bivy Stick	Bivy Stick Monthly Fee	\$49.99	
Lober	8/5/2021	McMaster-Carr	Refund on Fasteners	(\$37.84)	
Lober	8/5/2021	McMaster-Carr	Refund on Fasteners	(\$7.93)	
Lober	8/9/2021	McMaster-Carr	Fasteners (Screws, Washers)	\$22.68	
Lober	8/17/2021	Amazon.com	Portable Power Station (Anker)	\$524.98	
Lober	8/24/2021	McMaster-Carr	Fasteners (Washers)	\$159.22	
Lober	8/30/2021	McMaster-Carr	Fasteners (Screws, Washers)	\$54.63	
Lober	8/31/2021	McMaster-Carr	Fasteners (Screws, Washers)	\$69.00	
Lober	9/3/2021	Bestbuy.com	Samsung 27" LED 4K Monitor	\$339.99	
Lober	9/4/2021	Bivy Stick	Bivy Stick Monthly Fee	\$49.99	
Lober	9/4/2021	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Operating System Console (Cloud Key Gen2 Plus)	\$199.00	

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Lober	9/6/2021	USPS.com	Cost to Ship Returned Items	\$18.40	
Lober	9/7/2021	Provantage	Camera and Speaker (Poly Com Studio P15 4K)	\$483.92	
Lober	9/8/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Graphics Board (PNY NVIDIA Quadro P2200)	\$480.75	
Lober	9/9/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Keyboard (Corsair Mechanical Keyboard K70)	\$129.99	
Lober	9/13/2021	Amazon.com	Green Screen Video Backdrop	\$208.48	
Lober	9/17/2021	McMaster-Carr	Brackets Hardware Fasteners	(\$87.68)	
Lober	9/17/2021	McMaster-Carr	Fasteners (washers, screws, nuts)	(\$63.35)	
Lober	9/17/2021	McMaster-Carr	Fasteners (washers)	(\$48.32)	
Lober	9/17/2021	McMaster-Carr	Fasteners (screws, washers)	(\$39.68)	
Lober	9/17/2021	McMaster-Carr	Fasteners (screws, washers)	(\$23.83)	
Lober	9/17/2021	McMaster-Carr	Fasteners (screws, locknuts)	(\$18.96)	
Lober	9/17/2021	McMaster-Carr	Fasteners (screws, washers)	(\$12.09)	
Lober	9/23/2021	McMaster-Carr	Steel Pipe Nipple and Fittings	\$31.23	
Lober	9/26/2021	Newegg Inc.	Computer Case with Fans - "BeQuiet" (Built Computer)	\$74.90	
Lober	9/28/2021	Amazon.com	Monitor Extension Plates	(\$119.96)	
Lober	9/28/2021	Provantage	Label Printer (Zebra ZD621 DT Printer 300 DPI)	\$616.64	
Lober	10/5/2021	Amazon.com	Shipping Labels, storage straps	\$166.39	
Lober	10/20/2021	Amazon.com	Printer Paper	\$27.40	
Lober	10/28/2021	McMaster-Carr	Steel pipe nipple/fittings (credit)	(\$31.23)	
Lober	11/10/2021	Provantage	Expansion chassis for computer	\$734.60	
Lober	11/11/2021	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Aggregation Switch for Computer Network	\$269.00	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	11/11/2021	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Computer Network Console-Dream Machine Pro SE	\$499.00	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	11/11/2021	Provantage	Network Switch (Computer Related) (Enterprise 24 POE)	\$750.00	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	11/11/2021	Provantage	Network Switch (Computer Related) (Enterprise 24 POE)	\$750.00	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	11/15/2021	Amazon.com	Refund-Cable ordered 9/5/21	(\$18.89)	
Lober	11/21/2021	Amazon.com	Data Cables	\$33.98	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	11/24/2021	Sculpteo.com	Refund-3D Print Ordered 7/4/21	(\$12.63)	
Lober	11/24/2021	Amazon.com	Refund-Adapter Kit Ordered 11/14/21	(\$1.36)	
Lober	11/24/2021	Amazon.com	48" LG Display for computer	\$749.99	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	12/1/2021	Amazon.com	Flash Drive, USB Docking Station (10 X 32GB & ACASIS NVMe Dock)	\$72.86	
Lober	12/1/2021	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Wi-Fi Access Points (3 Units)	\$537.00	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	12/4/2021	Wire and Cable Your Way	Mobile Wi-Fi Router (Net Gear Nighthawk 5G Hotspot)	\$636.64	
Lober	12/7/2021	Paypal Newegg.com	Desktop Memory (Corsair Vengeance LPX64 GB) (BeQuiet PC)	\$289.99	
Lober	12/7/2021	Amazon.com	Flat Screen Display Mount	\$332.49	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	12/9/2021	Arrow.com & Verical.com	Refund-Plug-In Adapters	(\$202.09)	
Lober	12/9/2021	McMaster-Carr	Refund on Sales Tax Only on \$19.23 purchase PVC tubing	(\$0.64)	
Lober	12/9/2021	Amazon.com	Power Supply (Prime TX 1000, 1000W 80+ Titanium, BeQuiet PC)	\$299.99	
Lober	12/9/2021	Paypal Neobits Inc.	Antenna (Mobile Mark -Y42700WB)	\$411.93	
Lober	12/10/2021	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Surveillance Camera	\$449.00	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	12/10/2021	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Surveillance Camera	\$449.00	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	12/10/2021	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Surveillance Camera	\$449.00	Donated-Humane Society

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Lober	12/10/2021	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Surveillance Camera	\$449.00	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	12/12/2021	Amazon.com	Desktop Processor (Intel Core i9 processor BeQuiet PC)	\$618.99	
Lober	12/13/2021	Amazon.com	Sim Card (Cricket Wireless)	\$7.28	
Lober	12/13/2021	Amazon.com	Motherboard-Asus Prime (Intel 17th Gen - BeQuiet PC)	\$219.99	
Lober	12/14/2021	Amazon.com	Expansion Card (PC Related) (ASUS Thunderbolt EX)	\$115.99	
Lober	12/16/2021	Amazon.com	Desktop Memory (Corsair Vengeance LPX64 GB Desktop Memory)	\$257.39	
Lober	12/16/2021	Amazon.com	Disk Drive(Western Digital 18TB DC HC550 HDDs)	\$369.52	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	12/16/2021	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Surveillance Camera	\$449.00	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	12/16/2021	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Surveillance Camera	\$449.00	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	12/17/2021	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Surveillance Camera	\$449.00	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	12/17/2021	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Surveillance Camera	\$449.00	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	12/20/2021	Amazon.com	Hard Drive Enclosure Adapter (Orico 20 Gbps m.2 NVME)	\$55.43	
Lober	12/20/2021	Provantage	Network Video Recorder	\$293.00	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	12/27/2021	Amazon.com	Disk Drive(Western Digital 18 TB Storage)	\$369.52	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	12/27/2021	Amazon.com	Disk Drive (Storage) (2 -Western Digital 18TB 512 MB Storage)	\$738.30	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	12/28/2021	Amazon.com	Refund on Cables	(\$32.97)	
Lober	12/28/2021	Amazon.com	Refund on Cables	(\$27.98)	
Lober	12/28/2021	Jawstec3Dprinting	3D Print Job (3 - 1.25 " x 2.51" x 2.51" SLS Nylon)	\$115.24	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	12/30/2021	Mouser Electronics Inc.	Coax Connectors	\$123.13	
Lober	12/30/2021	Wire and Cable Your Way	Coax Cable-Belden 7808A, RG-8X, 15 AWG, 50 Ohm125 ft	\$181.56	
Lober	1/4/2022	Blackhawk Supply	Partial Refund on PVC Valve	(\$186.01)	
Lober	1/5/2022	Plaquemaker	Plaques for Constituents	\$159.50	
Lober	1/10/2022	McMaster-Carr	Nuts, washers, screws, rods, U-bolts	\$241.76	
Lober	1/11/2022	Xometry Inc.	3D Print Job (5 at \$60.13 each)	\$270.65	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	1/12/2022	Treatstock Inc.	Refund on Designed Part	(\$302.38)	
Lober	1/12/2022	McMaster-Carr	Refund on Shipping Charge	(\$19.67)	
Lober	1/12/2022	Medexsupply.com	Hand Sanitizer & Dispensers	\$355.87	
Lober	1/12/2022	Aqua-Draulics	PVC Fitting (28 pieces) & Ball Valves (2 at 195.39 each)	\$548.33	
Lober	1/17/2022	McMaster-Carr	Washers, locknuts, screws	\$197.30	
Lober	1/18/2022	Paypal Digi key Corp	Crimp/Stripper tools for wires	\$277.41	
Lober	1/19/2022	Amazon.com	Corrugated Boxes	\$51.19	
Lober	1/20/2022	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Two Surveillance Cameras	\$960.86	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	1/21/2022	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Refund-Tax on surveillance cameras	(\$62.86)	
Lober	1/24/2022	Paypal Newegg.com	Software License (Window 11)	\$139.99	
Lober	1/24/2022	Provantage	Network Cabling	\$320.44	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	2/7/2022	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Switch 24 PoE	\$468.00	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	2/7/2022	SP Ubiquiti Inc.	Building to Building Bridge XG	\$1,033.00	Donated-Humane Society
Lober	3/30/2022	In Reach CE Online	Seminars/Gov. Law+Office supply-Originaly purchased 04/29 & 7/15/2020	(\$370.00)	Lober reimbursed the county
Lober	4/1/2022	McMaster-Carr	Multiple purchases of fasteners	(\$274.29)	Lober reimbursed the county

Total \$32,866.52

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Cardholder	Purchase Date	Vendor	Item Purchased	Amount	Notes
VanVolkenburgh	2/6/2019	Amazon.com	Computer Cables	\$30.46	
VanVolkenburgh	4/1/2019	Newegg.com	Intel Optone solid state drive 380gb	\$454.99	
VanVolkenburgh	4/2/2019	Amazon.com	Adapters, Cables (IT Computer)	\$137.97	
VanVolkenburgh	7/2/2019	Amazon.com	Camera Battery	\$15.99	
VanVolkenburgh	7/9/2019	Amazon.com	Olympus Tough TG-6 Waterproof Camera	\$444.00	
VanVolkenburgh	10/28/2019	Amazon.com	SD Memory Card Reader	\$54.99	
VanVolkenburgh	12/2/2019	Amazon.com	Computer Cabling	\$23.06	
VanVolkenburgh	12/6/2019	Amazon.com	Memory Card with Adapter	\$64.99	
VanVolkenburgh	2/10/2020	Asknet-Shops.com	Video Editing Software	\$116.99	
VanVolkenburgh	4/21/2020	Paypal Illumn	Charger Rechargeable Batteries	\$101.95	
VanVolkenburgh	4/23/2020	Amazon.com	AA Batteries	\$22.81	
VanVolkenburgh	8/27/2020	USPS.com	Postage	\$96.80	
VanVolkenburgh	9/15/2020	Amazon.com	USB Charger for Dell Laptop	\$25.99	
VanVolkenburgh	9/21/2020	Amazon.com	Hard Drive Dock & USB Card - Star Tech	\$263.76	
VanVolkenburgh	9/21/2020	Rubber Stamp Champ	Signature Stamp	\$46.32	
VanVolkenburgh	9/30/2020	Amazon.com	USB FlashDrive- 4 USB 256gb	\$76.99	
VanVolkenburgh	10/2/2020	Amazon.com	Mailing Labels	\$29.99	
VanVolkenburgh	10/11/2020	Amazon.com	Anker power bank, laptop case, cables	\$216.63	
VanVolkenburgh	10/15/2020	SP Waterfield Design	Laptop Case	\$132.00	
VanVolkenburgh	10/20/2020	Amazon.com	LED Lights & Cable	\$99.98	
VanVolkenburgh	10/25/2020	Amazon.com	Sennheiser Pro Audio MKE condensor microphone	\$99.95	
VanVolkenburgh	12/9/2020	Amazon.com	Web Cam Accessory	\$79.99	
VanVolkenburgh	1/14/2021	Amazon.com	Shipping Labels and Tape	\$25.95	
VanVolkenburgh	1/17/2021	B&H Photo	Printer Waste Toner Box (One Unit)	\$25.99	
VanVolkenburgh	1/18/2021	Amazon.com	Pens, Batteries	\$42.74	
VanVolkenburgh	1/19/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Storage Media - 2 WD 4tb	\$298.44	
VanVolkenburgh	1/19/2021	B&H Photo	Printer Waste Toner Box (One Unit)	\$25.99	
VanVolkenburgh	2/8/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Storage Media	\$69.99	
VanVolkenburgh	2/14/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Storage - 64gb	\$288.99	
VanVolkenburgh	2/26/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Storage - 1 @ 4tb, 2 @ 1tb	\$355.94	
VanVolkenburgh	3/1/2021	Amazon.com	Latex Gloves	\$51.86	
VanVolkenburgh	3/2/2021	QNAP HK Limited	Software (Hong Kong)	\$73.99	
VanVolkenburgh	3/3/2021	Amazon.com	Latex Gloves	\$28.37	
VanVolkenburgh	3/10/2021	Amazon.com	Video Cable	\$28.15	
VanVolkenburgh	3/12/2021	Amazon.com	Personal Computer Fans	\$62.85	(1 refunded - 2 unaccounted for)
VanVolkenburgh	3/14/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Memory - (2x 32gb)	\$327.98	
VanVolkenburgh	3/18/2021	Jawstec3Dprinting	Computer Part	\$97.64	
VanVolkenburgh	3/22/2021	Amazon.com	Corrugated boxes	\$35.11	
VanVolkenburgh	3/26/2021	USPS.com	First Class Stamps	\$199.85	
VanVolkenburgh	4/23/2021	Amazon.com	Permanent Markers	\$16.20	
VanVolkenburgh	4/26/2021	USPS.com	Stamps (assorted amounts)	\$155.45	
VanVolkenburgh	4/26/2021	Deciphertools.com	Facebook Message Exporter	\$19.99	
VanVolkenburgh	5/12/2021	Amazon.com	Envelopes, Mailers, Post-it-Flags	\$34.09	
VanVolkenburgh	5/21/2021	Amazon.com	Paper Trimmer	\$91.52	

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VanVolkenburgh	5/25/2021	USPS.com	Stamps	\$47.85	
VanVolkenburgh	6/9/2021	USPS.com	Stamps	\$65.85	
VanVolkenburgh	6/14/2021	Amazon.com	High-Speed HDMI Cable	\$17.98	
VanVolkenburgh	6/14/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Fan Grill/Guard	\$4.23	
VanVolkenburgh	6/16/2021	USPS.com	Stamps	\$33.00	
VanVolkenburgh	6/17/2021	Amazon.com	Replacement Computer Battery	\$19.49	
VanVolkenburgh	6/18/2021	Google Hiya	Caller ID/Spam Protection (1 Yr)	\$24.99	
VanVolkenburgh	6/20/2021	2CO.com	Malware Protection (2 Yr)	\$99.99	
VanVolkenburgh	6/21/2021	Amazon.com	Cables, Network Plugs, Fan, Fan Guard	\$133.28	
VanVolkenburgh	7/1/2021	Amazon.com	Post-It Sticky Notes	\$5.00	
VanVolkenburgh	7/2/2021	Amazon.com	Replacement Battery Cartridge	\$147.99	
VanVolkenburgh	7/3/2021	Amazon.com	Cardstock Paper	\$25.99	
Lober	7/4/2021	Sculpteo.com	Metal Bracket (3D print)	\$63.16	
VanVolkenburgh	7/5/2021	Amazon.com	Wheels for Office Chair	\$31.40	
VanVolkenburgh	7/10/2021	Amazon.com	USB Cable	\$10.39	
VanVolkenburgh	7/14/2021	Amazon.com	Allen Wrench Set, Monitor Cable	\$54.10	
Lober	8/25/2021	Amazon.com	Thermal Pads/Paste for PC	\$52.56	
Lober	8/26/2021	Amazon.com	Monitor Extension Plates	\$119.96	
Lober	9/7/2021	Amazon.com	Computer Cables	\$48.08	
Lober	9/8/2021	Amazon.com	Shipping Address Labels	\$25.99	
Lober	9/9/2021	Amazon.com	Envelopes	\$27.76	
Lober	9/14/2021	Amazon.com	Printer Paper	\$28.82	
Lober	9/14/2021	Amazon.com	Tripp Lite power cords 3 ct., adapter plug	\$52.90	
Lober	9/19/2021	Amazon.com	USB Cable	\$7.70	
Lober	9/21/2021	Bestbuy.com	Cable, Wrist Strap, Mouse Pad	\$28.63	
Lober	9/21/2021	Amazon.com	Thermal Pads for PC	\$54.56	
Lober	9/22/2021	Bestbuy.com	Monitor Wipes	\$4.33	
Lober	9/22/2021	Jawstec3dprinting	3D Print Job-computer related	\$48.34	
Lober	9/25/2021	Amazon.com	Phone Mount (With Arm, Adapters)	\$108.46	
Lober	10/2/2021	Amazon.com	Socket Arm (Phone Mount-Related)	\$14.99	
Lober	10/2/2021	Amazon.com	Solid State Drive Storage (WD 500 GB)	\$89.99	
Lober	10/8/2021	Amazon.com	USB Cables	\$39.98	
Lober	11/2/2021	USPS PO	Postage	\$35.45	
Lober	11/4/2021	The UPS Store	Printing Services (Envelopes, Letters)	\$80.00	
Lober	11/4/2021	Paypal Asknet Inc	Video editing software upgrade (Power Director 20 Ultimate)	\$89.99	
Lober	11/5/2021	Plaquemaker	Titanium Plaque (honoring PSFB)	\$198.99	
Lober	11/10/2021	Amazon.com	Kingston flash drive 256GB	\$61.99	
Lober	11/14/2021	Arrow.com & Verical.com	Plug-in Adapters	\$202.09	
Lober	11/15/2021	Amazon.com	Cables, Connectors, Crimp Tool	\$131.93	
Lober	11/17/2021	Amazon.com	Adapters, Adapter Kit, Cable	\$39.43	
Lober	11/20/2021	Amazon.com	DisplayPort Cable	\$20.94	
Lober	11/21/2021	Amazon.com	3-Neat Patch Cable Management Units	\$166.50	
Lober	11/23/2021	Paypal Arrow Ecom	Plug-in Adapters	\$66.45	
Lober	11/27/2021	Amazon.com	Tape	\$13.57	

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Lober	11/29/2021	Paypal Digi Key Corp	AC Input Plugs	\$18.13	
Lober	12/1/2021	Paypal Monoprice	Cables, Extension Cord	\$102.98	
Lober	12/4/2021	Amazon.com	Data Storage (Solid State Drive 500gb)	\$129.98	
Lober	12/4/2021	SP Blackhawk Supply	PVC Valve-(partial refund on 1/4/2022)	\$242.50	
Lober	12/8/2021	McMaster-Carr	PVC Tubing	\$19.23	
Lober	12/14/2021	Amazon.com	Cable Labels	\$9.29	
Lober	12/14/2021	McMaster-Carr	Plastic Tubing & Fitting	\$95.54	
Lober	12/20/2021	Amazon.com	Labeling Tape (Dymo Standard)	\$14.64	
Lober	12/20/2021	Amazon.com	Heatsink (CPU Air Cooler with fan)	\$49.95	
Lober	12/21/2021	B2B Prime (Amazon.com)	Business Prime membership	\$179.00	Lober's personal account
Lober	12/29/2021	USPS.com	Postage for Return of item	\$14.95	
Lober	12/29/2021	Digi Key Corp	Fan & Connectors	\$73.29	Fan unaccounted for
Lober	12/29/2021	Amazon.com	Ethernet Patch Cables	\$14.12	
Lober	1/5/2022	Amazon.com	Electrical Weatherproofing	\$76.00	
Lober	1/5/2022	Treatstock Inc.	Designed part (Computer-Related)	\$302.38	
Lober	1/6/2022	Amazon.com	Electrical Weatherproofing	\$55.37	
Lober	1/24/2022	Lowes	Drywall Anchors with Screws	\$10.98	
Lober	2/2/2022	Amazon.com	Networking Supplies	\$11.83	
Lober	2/3/2022	Amazon.com	Networking Supplies	\$16.82	
Lober	2/12/2022	Amazon.com	Anker USB C Charger	\$49.49	

Total \$9,125.22



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FDLE OEI Inspector David Hubbard was assigned to lead the investigation.

On November 16, 2022, the Brevard County Clerk of the Courts and Comptroller, Office of the Inspector General, provided a summary and accompanying digital copies of documents to support allegations against Mr. Lober. Per the allegations, Mr. Lober used another county employee's, Brevard county government issued purchase card to make purchases for his personal use. Once Mr. Lober was issued his own Brevard county government purchase card, he continued making purchases for his personal use. When personal purchases were made, there is evidence that Mr. Lober used a State of Florida, government tax exempt certificate which allowed him to avoid paying sales tax.

Digital copies of the documents provided will be maintained as INV-1 in the related items section of this report.

Case Number: EI-11-0077	Serial #: 1
Author: Hubbard, John "David"	Office: Executive Investigations
Activity Start Date: 11/16/2022	Activity End Date:11/16/2022
Approved By: Negrete, Luis Angel	

Description:Allegations of theft by former County Commissioner Bryan Lober

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On December 1, 2022, Inspector David Hubbard met with Inspector General Investigator Linda Moros, of the Brevard County Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the Brevard County Clerk of Courts office, 400 South Street, Titusville, Florida. Inspector Hubbard took possession of evidentiary items and provided Investigator Moros a property receipt form. Special Agent Supervisor Luis Negrete transported the evidentiary items to FDLE headquarters in Tallahassee where they were placed in to evidence.

A copy of the property receipt provided to Investigator Moros and the FDLE evidence custody receipt will be maintained as INV-2 in the related items section of this case file.

Case Number: EI-11-0077	Serial #: 2
Author: Hubbard, David	Office: Executive Investigations
Activity Start Date: 12/01/2022	Activity End Date:12/01/2022
Approved By: Negrete, Luis Angel	

Description: Evidence recovery from Brevard County OIG

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On January 18, 2023, Inspector David Hubbard submitted a subpoena to Amazon.com, which was issued by the 18th Judicial Circuit for account and other specific records pertaining to Bryan Lober's purchases. The subpoena was submitted in to the Amazon Law Enforcement Request Tracker, submission reference number is CRIM1241292 2023 DS.

On February 3, 2023, Amazon.com provided the records response to the previously referenced subpoena. The records provided included a spreadsheet and certificate of authenticity. Evidentiary information discovered during the records review process will be documented in additional investigative reports.

A copy of the subpoena served to Amazon.com will be maintained as INV-3 in the related items section of this case file.

A compressed digital file containing the records response from Amazon.com will be maintained as INV-11 in the related items section of this case file.

Case Number: EI-11-0077	Serial #: 3
Author: Hubbard-4021	Office: Executive Investigations
Activity Start Date: 01/18/2023	Activity End Date:
Approved By: Negrete-3325	

Description: Amazon.com subpoena

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On January 19, 2023, Inspector David Hubbard submitted a subpoena to ACR Electronics, which was issued by the 18th Judicial Circuit for account and other specific records pertaining to the purchase of two Bivy Sticks, a two-way satellite communication device. ACR Electronics' legal counsel, Steven Dulasky, accepted the subpoena by email.

On January 27, 2023, Inspector Hubbard received the subpoena response from ACR Electronics. The response included an Excel spreadsheet that provides location information while the Bivy Stick was activated and in use. The location data will be analyzed and documented in another investigative report.

Brevard County Clerk of Court/Comptroller's office provided information that indicated two Bivy Sticks were purchased with Robert "Fritz" VanValkenburgh's Brevard County issued purchase card on May 25, 2021, at a cost of \$605.00. A subscription required for activation of the devices was charged to Bryan Lober's Brevard County issued purchase card on August 4, and September 4, 2021. During the audit conducted by Brevard County Clerk of Court/Comptroller's Office, one Bivy Stick was recovered from Lober and the second was recovered from Matthew Wallace, Public Safety Director.

Maria "Kika" Golan provided Inspector Hubbard with a copy of an email from Bryan Lober to County Manager Frank Abbate, Assistant County Managers, John Denninghoff and Jim Liesenfelt, Public Safety Director Matthew Wallace, and D2 users, which are the employees in Lober's office. The subject line of the email was, "Contact info during my vacation," and indicated that he would not be able to be contacted using his mobile phone number. Lober provided the phone number to contact him as, 858-227-6976, explaining that he could only be contacted utilizing text messaging. ACR Electronics' legal counsel, Steven Dulasky, said in an email that phone number 858-227-6976, was designated exclusively for the Bivy Stick activated by Lober. No text messages contained in the ACR Electronics records associated with Lober's Bivy Stick can be attributed to a business purpose. Public Safety Director Matthew Wallace said during his interview that his contact phone numbers were among those documented in the ACR

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Author: Hubbard-4021	Office: Executive Investigations
Activity Start Date: 01/19/2023	Activity End Date:
Approved By: Negrete-3325	

Description: Bivy Sticks (ACR Electronics) subpoena/records analysis

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Electronics records.

A copy of the email correspondence with ACR Electronics will be maintained as INV-4 in the related items section of this case file.

A copy of the subpoena served to ACR Electronics and the records response will be maintained as INV-5 in the related items section of this case file.

A copy of the email provided by Golan will be maintained as INV-12 in the related items section of this case file.

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On January 19, 2023, Inspector David Hubbard submitted a subpoena that was issued to ACR Electronics by the 18th Judicial Circuit for specific records pertaining to two Bivy Sticks, two-way satellite communication devices. These two Bivy Sticks were purchased by Bryan Lober. On January 27, 2023, Inspector Hubbard received the Bivy Stick information from ACR Electronics' legal representative Steven Dulasky via email. The documents received will be maintained as Related Item 6.

Inspector Hubbard provided a copy of the subpoenaed documents to Crime Intelligence Analyst (CIA) Emma Leonetti to retrieve the locations of GPS (Global Positioning System) coordinates listed in the Bivy Stick data.

Only one Bivy Stick, identification number (IMEI) 300434065282050, was found to have been turned on, activated and used. The GPS coordinates located in the Bivy Stick data indicate where the Bivy stick was located during check in times.

CIA Leonetti identified the following locations with their corresponding dates and times, where the Bivy Stick transmitted data, based off the GPS coordinates provided in the files:

Date	Time (Approximate)	GPS Coordinates (Latitude, Longitude)	Location (Approximate)
8/4/2021	4:27	(28.31110954284668,-80.70626068115234)	30 Bayshore Ct, Rockledge, FL 32955
8/15/2021	14:04	(32.87546920776367,-80.46200561523438)	Colleton County, South Carolina
8/16/2021	15:28	(44.31548309326172,-68.19121551513672)	Otter Point, Bar Harbor, ME

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Author: Leonetti-4826	Office: Executive Investigations
Activity Start Date: 01/30/2023	Activity End Date:02/01/2023
Approved By: Negrete-3325	

Description: Bivy Stick Data Analysis

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8/16/20 21	16:11	(44.3066635131835 94,- 68.2446060180664)	Mount Desert, Maine
8/16/20 21	18:15	(44.2225723266601 56,- 68.3371810913086)	Bass Harbor Lighthouse Trail, Bass Harbor, ME 04653
8/16/20 21	18:15	(44.3811874389648 44,- 68.28407287597656)	Bar Harbor, Eagle Lake Road ME
8/16/20 21	19:14	(44.3811874389648 44,- 68.28407287597656)	Bar Harbor, Eagle Lake Road ME
8/16/20 21	19:21	(44.3811874389648 44,- 68.28407287597656)	Bar Harbor, Eagle Lake Road ME
8/16/20 21	19:22	(44.3811912536621 1,- 68.22899627685547)	Bar Harbor, ME 04609
8/17/20 21	13:20	(44.3764152526855 5,- 68.23362731933594)	Cadillac Mountain, Maine
8/17/20 21	13:27	(44.3764152526855 5,- 68.23362731933594)	Cadillac Mountain, Maine
8/17/20 21	14:55	(44.3513336181640 6,- 68.22657012939453)	Cadillac Mountain Ridge Trail, Maine
8/17/20 21	15:17	(44.3516082763671 9,- 68.22374725341797)	Cadillac Mountain, Maine
8/17/20 21	15:36	(44.3510894775390 6,- 68.2234878540039)	Cadillac Mountain, Maine
8/17/20 21	17:06	(44.3532867431640 6,- 68.22489166259766)	Great Head Trail (Acadia National Park), Bar Harbor, ME 04609
8/17/20 21	17:09	(44.3532562255859 4,- 68.2249526977539)	Great Head Trail (Acadia National Park), Bar Harbor, ME 04609
8/18/20 21	14:54	(44.3897933959960 94,- 68.2139663696289)	Great Head Trail (Acadia National Park), Bar Harbor, ME 04609
8/18/20 21	16:11	(44.3968925476074 2,- 68.2113037109375)	Great Head Trail (Acadia National Park), Bar Harbor, ME 04609
8/18/20 21	16:35	(44.3980903625488 3,- 68.20420837402344)	Great Head Trail (Acadia National Park), Bar Harbor, ME 04609
8/19/20 21	16:06	(44.3867683410644 5,- 68.21134185791016)	Great Head Trail (Acadia National Park), Bar Harbor, ME 04609
8/19/20 21	16:07	(44.3884963989257 8,- 68.2105941772461)	Great Head Trail (Acadia National Park), Bar Harbor, ME 04609
8/19/20 21	16:17	(44.3414230346679 7,- 68.18013000488281)	Great Head Trail (Acadia National Park), Bar Harbor, ME 04609

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8/19/20 21	16:25	(44.3314819335937 5,- 68.17678833007812)	Great Head Trail (Acadia National Park), Bar Harbor, ME 04609
8/19/20 21	16:50	(44.3284721374511 7,- 68.1745834350586)	Great Head Trail (Acadia National Park), Bar Harbor, ME 04609
8/20/20 21	21:20	(42.0629959106445 3,- 71.96267700195312)	Dudley, MA 01571
8/20/20 21	21:23	(41.9887962341308 6,- 72.40879821777344)	159 County Rd, Somer, CT 06071

A detailed spreadsheet of the analyzed data can be viewed electronically in Related Item 7.

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During the audit process conducted by the Brevard County Clerk's office, Frank VanVolkenburgh provided a timeline summarizing how he and Maria Golan became aware that former Commissioner Bryan Lober has used the Brevard County Government issued, Consumer's Certificate of Exemption, to avoid paying sales tax for online purchases from Rockler company.

On February 1, 2023, Inspector David Hubbard mailed a subpoena via Fed Ex to Rockler Companies, 4365 Willow Drive, Medina, MN 55340, requesting records pertaining to purchases made by Lober. The subpoena was received by Rockler Companies on February 3, 2023, and signed for by P. Karl. On March 29, 2023, Inspector Hubbard received an email which contained documents as a response to the subpoena.

The documents indicated Lober made his first Rockler internet order, 1004191024, on March 20, 2021. Lober provided the "bill to" and "ship to" information as listed below. He used his position with the Board of County Commissioners and a private post office box with his personal phone number for billing information but had the items shipped to his county commissioner office. The invoices indicate that Lober used a credit card that was not the county's purchase card.

"Bill to:
Bryan Lober
Brevard County Board of County
Commissioners
PO Box 140
Sharpes, FL 32959 US
Phone: 13214546601
Email: rockler@bryanlober.com"

"Ship to:
Bryan Lober
Brevard County Board of County
Commissioners
2575 N Courtenay Pkwy
Ste 200
Merritt Island, FL 32953 US
Phone: 13214546601"

Case Number: EI-11-0077	Serial #: 6
Author: Hubbard-4021	Office: Executive Investigations
Activity Start Date: 02/01/2023	Activity End Date:
Approved By: Negrete-3325	

Description: Rockler Companies subpoena and records review

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The invoice that Rockler provided to Brevard County for items listed on order 1004191024, depicted a total cost of \$1717.00, no tax or shipping cost charged, and a zero balance due.

Below are the order notes associated with order 1004191024:

“Order Notes: Dear Sir or Madam: I spoke with Marilyn at Rockler’s customer service line at approximately 8:05AM (Eastern) this morning regarding a sales tax question. As I mentioned to Marilyn, your FAQ page (<https://rockler.com/customer-service/faqordering#TaxExemptCustomers>) indicates that the tax-exempt certificate must be signed. As I advised Marilyn, Florida does not have any area for which a signature is normally affixed on our tax-exempt certificates. Marilyn advised that I go ahead and place the order and subsequently email customercare@rockler.com with my order number in the subject line and a copy of my tax-exempt certificate (number 85-8012621749C-1 which expires 10/31/2022) so that it may be applied to my order before it ships. She also asked that I place a note in the comments/memo section of the order indicating that the order is tax exempt. The account with which I have placed the order is rockler@bryanlober.com. I have used this account for personal purchases in the past and I intend to continue to do so in the future to keep all Rockier purchases together. When I have an order which is placed for or on behalf of my employer (Brevard County Board of County Commissioners), I intend to notate the memo/comments section of the order, as I have done with this most recent order, so that tax is not charged on applicable orders. As such, please be advised I just placed an order on Rockler’s website in which I notated that the order is tax exempt. (All the text of this email was placed into the memo section (“Tax Exempt Information (Optional)”) of that order.) Please do not process the order if, for any reason, you are unable to apply the tax-exempt certificate. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Truly, Bryan”

The second purchase from Rockler, order number 1004448956, on July 23, 2021, was invoiced to Lober as depicted below. This purchase was billed to Lober’s campaign, which was documented correctly in his campaign reports as a purchase. The address provided for items to be shipped to is Lober’s home address.

“Bill to:
Bryan Lober
BRYAN A LOBER CAMPAIGN
PO BOX 140
SHARPES, FL 32959-0140 US
Phone: 3215411850
Email: rockler@bryanlober.com”

“Ship to:
Bryan Lober
30 BAYSHORE CT
ROCKLEDGE, FL 32955-4934 US
Phone: 3215411850”

At the time the order was placed online, the subtotal cost for the items ordered were \$167.97. Tax was charged to the order in the amount of \$10.29, shipping cost was not charged, a discount in the amount of \$26.00 was provided, resulting in a grand total cost of \$152.26.

Rockler provided two invoices to Brevard County for items listed on Lober’s online order 1004448956. The invoices depicted a total cost of \$141.97, no tax or shipping cost charged, a \$48.00 discount applied, and a zero balance due.

The result of Lober’s use of the Consumer’s Certificate of Exemption resulted in a loss of \$136.29 sales tax by the Florida Department of Revenue.

Per the department of revenue; “Out-of-state retailers with a physical presence in Florida with any number of taxable remote sales in Florida are required to register as a dealer, report, and

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remit sales tax and discretionary sales surtax on taxable sales in Florida.” Rockler Woodworking and Hardware, located at 515 E. Altamonte Drive, Suite 1018, Altamonte Springs, Florida, has been open to the public for retail sales since September 26, 2015. Therefore, all remote online sales made in the state of Florida has required the company to collect sales tax since 2015. This means that when Lober made his online purchases to Rockler and avoided paying the required sales tax on his purchases, he violated Florida Statute (FS) 212.085 Fraudulent Claim of Exemption, a third degree felony, which occurred on two different occasions.

A copy of the subpoena will be maintained as INV-8 in the related items section of this case file.

A copy of the Fed Ex proof-of-deliver documentation will be maintained as INV-9 in the related items section of this case file.

A copy of the documents provided to Brevard County by Rockler, and VanVolkenburgh's timeline, will be maintained as INV-27 in the related items section of this case file.

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On March 7, 2023, Inspector David Hubbard requested Crime Intelligence Analyst Emma Leonetti to research what types of social media and online accounts were associated with a personal email address, loberb@gmail.com, relating to Bryan Lober. The email address was obtained in subpoenaed documents from Amazon, (See Related Item #3).

Crime Intelligence Analyst Emma Leonetti utilized open source techniques to find the username “loberlober” or “Loberlober” that were attached to the provided email address, loberb@gmail.com. The search results of the usernames were positive.

There were 29 online accounts found to have been created with the username loberlober. The account categories include music, social, blog, shopping, coding, gaming, porn, images, and finance. A list of the accounts are available in Related Item #10.

Case Number: EI-11-0077	Serial #: 7
Author: Leonetti-4826	Office: Executive Investigations
Activity Start Date: 03/07/2023	Activity End Date:03/07/2023
Approved By: Negrete-3325	

Description:Open-Source Email Search

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On November 16, 2022, Inspector David Hubbard was provided a copy of the "Executive Summary" detailing the audit of the Board of Brevard County Commissioners. Documented in the report was a questionable purchase of a Steelcase brand Leap model office chair, tangerine in color, that was reportedly purchased by Lober using Fritz VanVolkenburgh's Brevard County issued purchase card. According to the Executive Summary, as of March 11, 2022, the chair was listed on Amazon.com at a price of \$923.06. The chair was purchased for \$750.00, and it was questioned how the difference of the cost and payment was mitigated.

During the initial response Lober's office, Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Rachel Sadoff, along with her audit team, did not locate the chair. As the audit investigation continued, it was revealed that the chair had been delivered to the Government Center to Central Services office located in Viera. The Executive Summary indicates that the audit team reviewed surveillance video recorded on the evening of the initial response to Lober's office. Members of the audit team who viewed the surveillance video believed an orange colored object, thought to be the office chair, could be seen in the rear of Lober's vehicle parked in the parking area.

On April 4, 2022, Kika Golan, Lober's administrative aide, stated in her interview with the audit team that an office chair had been delivered recently and had been in Lober's office since approximately a week prior to her interview.

Inspector Hubbard reviewed Lober's Amazon.com account purchases and found that an office chair was purchased on July 5, 2021, at 03:43:36 UTC (Universal Time Coordinated) for \$750.00, at which time a \$9.50 gift card was applied to the purchase. The Amazon.com account records show that Lober purchased a gift card with his personal credit card in the amount of \$9.50 on July 5, 2021, at 03:37:44 UTC, just prior to the chair purchase. It is unable to be determined if the gift card purchased is the same one used during the purchase of the chair.

Inspector Hubbard obtain photographs of the chairs label which includes the model number. That photograph was sent to the chairs manufacturer customer service email requesting an identification of the model of the chair Brevard County had in inventory. The manufacturers customer service confirmed that the chair was the Leap model, the same as the original one purchased from Amazon.com. Lober's Amazon.com account only documented a purchase of one Steelcase Leap office chair.

No additional follow up is necessary regarding the Steelcase Leap model office chair due to the original purchased chair being replaced by Lober at his personal expense.

Case Number: EI-11-0077	Serial #: 8
Author: Hubbard-4021	Office: Executive Investigations
Activity Start Date: 04/25/2023	Activity End Date:04/25/2023
Approved By: Negrete-3325	

Description:Tangerine Office Chair purchase

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All documentation to include emails and photographs will be maintained as INV-13 in the related items section of this case file.

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On February 7, 2023, at approximately 1338 hours, Inspector's David Hubbard and Jennifer Barineau conducted a voluntary, sworn, and recorded interview with Maria "Kika" Golan, at the Brevard County Merritt Island Service Complex, 2575 North Courtenay Parkway, Merritt Island, Florida. The following is a synopsis.

Golan was hired by former Brevard County Commissioner Bryan Lober and began working in November, 2018. She previously worked with Bryan Lober's wife, Rebecca, at the Brevard County Courthouse. Golan worked with Fritz VanValkenburgh and Regina Wieler in the District 2 Commissioner's office. According to Golan, VanValkenburgh had a county purchase card (P-card) but she and Wieler did not.

Inspector Hubbard asked if there were any computer or Wi-Fi connection problems when she began working in the commissioner's office to which Golan she did not remember. Golan said that she never requested a new computer but that someone from the IT department said she had a "super powerful computer." She said that her computer work consisted of completing purchase orders and payroll. Golan said that the new computer did not enhance her ability to do her job. In fact, she did not even notice that her computer had been changed from the original one.

It should be noted, the audio-recorder stopped recording/turned off for an unknown reason during the interview. There was nothing of significance learned or discussed which was not recorded.

A copy of Golan's audio-recorded interview will be maintained as INV-14 in the related items section of this case file.

Case Number: EI-11-0077	Serial #: 9
Author: Hubbard-4021	Office: Executive Investigations
Activity Start Date: 02/07/2023	Activity End Date:02/07/2023
Approved By: Negrete-3325	

Description: Maria "Kika" Golan, Administrative Aide to Lober, sworn interview

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On March 2, 2023, at approximately 1249 hours, Inspector's David Hubbard and Jennifer Barineau conducted a voluntary, sworn, and recorded interview with Matthew Wallace, Brevard County Public Safety Director, at the Timothy J. Mills Fire Rescue Center, 1040 Florida Avenue South, Rockledge, Florida. The following is a summary.

While former Brevard County Commissioner was in office, Wallace was the Public Safety Director for Brevard County. Wallace could not remember when Lober approached him about the use of a Bivy Stick, but said it was in the Spring prior to a hurricane season. Lober asked Wallace if he would be interested if there was a possibility to have satellite phone capabilities. Wallace said that with his experience in his past and current positions, he would never turn down the opportunity for that type of communication capability. Wallace could not remember clearly if Lober said that he had the Bivy Stick or if he spoke about getting one. Lober told Wallace that if he obtained that type of capability he would let Wallace have it and said they would work out cost if the decision was made to use Bivy Sticks.

Wallace said he did not know what the Bivy Stick was when he received it and that he believed it was a satellite phone. After researching it he decided to wait until there was a critical need such as a hurricane and then activate the Bivy Stick. Wallace never activated the Bivy Stick or used it and left it in the box. He said that Lober had told him that he had used his Bivy Stick in a very remote place like the mountains and that he was able to have a conversation.

Prior to the interview with Wallace, Inspector Hubbard reviewed Bivy Stick records obtained by a subpoena. The records indicated multiple phone numbers that Lober had sent text messages. Inspector Hubbard requested Wallace to identify any of the phone numbers that were associated with him. After telling Wallace that all of the phone numbers in question had 407 area codes, Wallace said he had no knowledge of any phone numbers with that area code and that none were associated with him.

A copy of Wallace's audi-recorded interview will be maintained as INV-15 in the related items section of this case file.

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Description:Matthew Wallace, Public Safety Director, sworn interview

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On February 6, 2023, Inspector’s David Hubbard and David Snowden conducted a voluntary, sworn, and recorded interview with Steven Darling at his residence. The following is a synopsis.

Darling was hired by Brevard County government in June, 2018, as the purchasing manager and promoted to Central Services Director in September, 2019. His responsibilities included, but were not limited to, procurement, contracts, purchase orders, fleet, and new facilities.

Inspector Hubbard asked Darling to explain how he became aware of purchases by Lober. He was asked by an unknown individual during a phone call if he was aware of Lober’s purchases which he indicated that he was not. Darling accessed the computer system that provided him access to view Lober’s purchase card (P-card) expenditures so that he could review them. He reviewed the cost of items and thought that it was not excessive for individual transactions but believed the purchases were not items that a commissioner’s office would typically make. Darling explained that he did not remember any commissioner having a purchase card and that the purpose of having them were for incidental purchases. According to Darling, Lober did not have a purchase card until the “whole issue with the Go Fund Me.” He explained that “during COVID” a citizen of Brevard County had died and a charge to Fritz VanVolkenburgh’s (Lober’s Chief of Staff) card was made to a Go Fund Me account for five-hundred dollars to assist the family for burial expenses. The topic of the charge was discussed “at length” during commission meetings and shortly after Lober contacted Darling’s office requesting his own purchase card.

Inspector Hubbard asked Darling to describe some of Lober’s purchases that he thought were out of the ordinary. He said that there were a lot of PVC piping, 3-D printing services, and SAT phones (referring to satellite phones). When asked if he reviewed purchases made on VanVolkenburgh’s purchase card, Darling said that he did not review those purchases. He only reviewed Lober’s after he received a phone call about Lober’s purchases. After reviewing Lober’s expenditures, Darling printed out the report and took it to County Manager Frank Abbate. Darling told Abbate about the phone call he received, his review of Lober’s expenditures, and showed Abbate the items being purchased. According to Darling, Abbate was surprised about the purchases. Abbate and Darling went to the Brevard County Attorney, Abigail Jorandby, who was also the county’s ethics officer. During the discussion it was determined that if purchases were questionable or illegal, the County Clerk would “flag” or audit to take any action.

Darling said that Lober had “taken issue” with the language of the administrative orders

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Description: Steven Darling, former Director of Central Services, sworn interview

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regarding what the purchase card could be used for. He explained that around January, 2022, Lober had an issue when he asked for a purchase order to be created for a vendor to purchase PVC water line items. Darling said that by this time he was aware of all of the transactions by Lober. Darling instructed one of his employees to create the purchase order but to have Lober provide justification for the purchase. Darling emailed Lober asking if there was "something going on" at his office because the county has a facilities department that can send workers to make needed repairs. Additionally, the facilities department may already have the items that Lober was wanting to purchase because the facilities department keeps items in stock. Lober responded to Darling that he did not want to ask the facilities department because they charged for repairs. Darling said he did not believe that was the case and that the commissioners offices were not charged from their budgets. Lober was adamant about getting a purchase order for the specific parts at the requested vendor, which was approximately five-hundred dollars. After the purchase order was created for Lober, he was upset because he could not pick up the items directly from the vendor and that it was arranged for the items to be delivered to his office. Darling explained that he or his staff had no control over how the purchased items were to be delivered, and said that the system used to create the purchase orders had default language which designated the delivery method. Lober told Darling's office that the process was too cumbersome and taking too long so he wanted to cancel the purchase order request and that he would take care of it himself. When asked if Darling ever learned what the PVC purchase would be used for he indicated that he had heard rumors but did not know. Inspector Hubbard showed Darling a photograph of the PVC pipe fittings with a valve attached. He said that he could not determine specifically what the PVC piece would be used for, he believed it to be a "simple water line" used to turn water on and off.

Darling had been interviewed by Clerk of Court/Comptroller Rachel Sadoff for her audit. Inspector Hubbard asked Darling how the interview was arranged since it occurred after he had left employment with Brevard County. Darling said that he called Clerk Sadoff because he took issue with how the purchase card was being used by Lober and that he had seen online that an audit was requested by the board.

Darling said that he believed Lober wanted to change the wording in the administrative order regarding the use of the purchase card which he did not agree with. He was responsible for procurement; his mission was to be a good steward with the taxpayers' dollars. Darling believed that much of what Lober was charging to the county purchase card was not for county business. Darling said that he expressed his concerns with County Manager, Frank Abbate, regarding Lober's spending. Referring to Lober's attempts to change the wording in the administrative order concerning purchase card use, Darling said that he told Abbate, "We are doing a disservice to four commissioners to appease one." Darling said that he did not have a solution, but took the issue of the purchase card spending to his supervisor, Abbate.

Darling agreed with Inspector Hubbard that a "split purchase" on a purchase card was described as when an individual made multiple purchases at the same time from the same vendor for items when the total amount exceeded the purchase threshold allowed. Inspector Hubbard asked Darling if he had observed any split purchases on Lober's purchase card billing statements. He said that he did but could not recall details of the purchases.

When asked if he or his office had conversations with members of the Brevard County IT department about Lober's computer purchases, Darling said, "no." His department only created the purchase order, but the IT department purchases the computers. An example of the computer purchase process was described as if an employee of Brevard County government wanted to purchase a computer, a request would be made to the IT department. The IT department would request a purchase order from Darling's department (Purchasing department) which would create the purchase order. Once the purchase order was created, the IT department would then be able to make the purchase as requested. Darling further explained that Brevard County had a contract with Dell computer company. One of the reasons that all computer purchases go through the IT department was that they would be delivered to the IT department upon purchase so the necessary programs could be installed to be compatible with the county's computer network system.

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A copy of Darling's audio-recorded interview will be maintained as INV-16 in the related items section of this case file.

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On February 7, 2023, at approximately 1639 hours, Inspector David Hubbard and Inspector Jennifer Barineau conducted a recorded, voluntary, and sworn interview with Harold "Spud" Grounds at the Cocoa Police Department. The following is a synopsis.

While Lober was serving as a Brevard County Commissioner, Grounds worked in the Facilities Maintenance Department, as the Central Area Supervisor. In his position, Grounds was responsible for the facilities maintenance of the building where Lober's office was located.

Grounds was asked if he was aware of issues or complaints from Lober's office regarding the refrigerator or dishwasher. Grounds explained he was aware of issues with both appliances but that his department was not responsible for either appliance. The appliances were not considered part of the building and Lober's office was required to pay for repairs or replacement. Grounds was not aware of any leaks in the kitchen area either.

Inspector Hubbard asked Grounds if he was familiar with PVC pipe that appeared to have some type of valve attached to the fitting. Grounds confirmed that he was familiar with a PVC fitting that Brevard County Clerk Rachel Sadoff showed him. Grounds described the fitting as one that could hold corrosive liquid, for example, salt water. Grounds explained that the fitting is something that would be used at SeaWorld, not in someone's kitchen. The building in which Lober's office was located utilized 1¼ inch in diameter piping and would not have accommodated the fitting shown to Grounds because it was 2 inches in diameter. Grounds said that the Facilities Department did not utilize any products provided by the tenants to install in the buildings.

Inspector Hubbard asked Grounds about the replacement of the sign located in front of the building where Lober's office was located. Grounds said that around the time of coordinating the replacement of the sign, he was transferred to the Solid Waste Department as the supervisor. He explained that Lober wanted to build a new sign and talked about purchasing a router to use in the construction of the sign. Grounds said that it was eventually decided not to purchase the router because it would cost an "exorbitant amount" and there would be no other use for the router when the project was completed. Grounds explained that the county did not own a "CNC" (computerized numerical control) router, which he described as a piece of equipment that can be attached to a computer which would direct the equipment's function. According to Grounds' estimate, the CNC router needed to perform work on the sign would cost ten-thousand dollars. A depiction of the router that Lober purchased utilizing the Brevard County tax exempt certificate was shown to Grounds and asked if it could have been used to work on the sign. Grounds said "no," that it was too small. Grounds said that the way it was

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Description:Harold Grounds, Facilites Maintenance, sworn interview

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portrayed to him was that Lober planned to purchase a router “out of his pocket” so that he could do some work with it at home. Additionally, it was explained that Lober was involved in the sign project because he was going to provide a portion of the funding toward the building of the sign out of his commissioner’s office budget. Eventually, Grounds determined that a professional sign building company would bid on the project and Lober’s involvement ended.

The audio-recorded interview of Grounds will be maintained as INV-17 in the related items section of this case file.
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On February 10, 2023, at approximately 1122 hours, Inspector David Hubbard, and Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Luis Negrete conducted a recorded, voluntary, and sworn interview with Leo Da Silva at the Brevard County Sheriff's Office conference room, located at the Brevard County Office complex in Viera. The following is a synopsis.

In November 2020, Da Silva began working for the Brevard County government as the Director of Facilities Operations with responsibilities for maintaining and construction of vertical structures owned by the county.

Inspector Hubbard asked Da Silva if he was aware of issues with the dishwasher located in Lober's office kitchen area. Da Silva did not have any direct contact with Lober about dishwasher issues, but said maintenance personnel did respond. Da Silva said that from what he could remember, the dishwasher was not working but there were concerns about moving due to mold or something else.

Da Silva was asked what he knew about the PVC pipe fitting that Lober had at his office. Da Silva was asked by Brevard Clerk Rachel Sadoff during her audit interview. Da Silva said that when he saw a photograph of the PVC fitting, his first thought was that it was "complex." Da Silva said that he is not an "expert plumber," but that he thought it was "excessive." He did not know what the type of PVC fitting would be used for.

For repairs or work to be done on a commissioner's office, Da Silva said that the commissioner's staff would call the supervisor of the department for which assistance was needed. Da Silva was unaware of Lober or his staff trying to circumvent the work request process but said it was "not the norm" for commissioners to communicate directly to staff. Da Silva was unaware of Lober trying to do work himself on the building where his office was located. Da Silva spoke about Harold "Spud" Grounds efforts to assist Lober and the Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency (MIRA) replace the sign in front of Lober's office building. Da Silva said that after bids had been received to build the new sign by contractors, it was determined that the cost was too high and a formal bidding process was going to have to take place. Grounds transferred to another position within county government and the project was given to the Brevard County construction department to manage. Eventually, a contractor was chosen and constructed the sign. When asked if he believed the tools Lober purchased from the Rockler company could be used to build a new sign, Da Silva said he did not think so.

The process for modifications or work to be done, the commissioner's staff members would make requests to the facilities department to do the work. Da Silva acknowledged that some

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Description:Leo Da Silva, Director of Facilities Operations, sworn interview

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county employees most likely make modifications in an effort to customize their office, but that is not the normal way that work was to be done. The reason the facilities personnel were suppose to be doing work to the building was to ensure the work was done properly.

Inspector Hubbard asked Da Silva if commissioners had a budget to make repairs to their offices. Da Silva said that as far as he was aware, commissioners did not have a specified budget for repairs. If there was a repair needed, facilities personnel would do the work and the cost would come out of Da Silva's budget.

The copy of Da Silva's audio-recorded interview will be maintained as INV-18 in the related items section of this case file.

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On March 1, 2023, at approximately 0938 hours, Inspectors David Hubbard and Jennifer Barineau conducted a recorded, voluntary, and sworn interview with Jeff McKnight, Director of the Information Technology (IT) Department, at the Brevard County Office complex located in Viera. The following is a synopsis.

After taking office, Lober expressed his interest in “IT” and began serving as the liaison for security audits. He asked very specific questions about equipment, described by McKnight as, “somewhat unusual equipment.” For example, Lober asked about Wi-Fi for his vehicle. He would send McKnight emails containing links to Amazon.com, asking McKnight’s knowledge on equipment. If he was knowledgeable about the equipment, McKnight would respond with what he knew. Lober never offered an explanation on why he was asking McKnight about the equipment and McKnight did not ask. McKnight believed Lober knew the answer to the questions before they were asked. Per McKnight, there was often talk among the IT department staff wondering why Lober would need the equipment he was asking about or purchasing.

McKnight said that when a new commissioner took office, the prior commissioner’s computer was usually assessed by the IT department staff. If that computer was determined to be sufficient, the new commissioner would be offered the same computer or may be given the opportunity for a new one. If the incoming commissioner wanted a new computer, the IT department would facilitate the purchase of one and provide it to the commissioner.

McKnight explained that the IT department has a service desk that is supposed to be contacted by any county government worker that is having a problem, or whose computer is not meeting the needs of the user. The IT service desk personnel will access the computers to determine if there is something that can be done to upgrade the machine to meet the users needs. If not, the IT department will work with the individual’s department to facilitate a new computer system as needed. McKnight said that the commissioners were considered the same level as a county government department director. The commissioners usually would not contact the service desk, but contact McKnight directly for help with issues. If a commissioner was having any issues, McKnight said he could “almost guaranteed” the IT department would “go overboard” and get the commissioner a higher standard computer. McKnight added later on in the interview

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Description: Jeff McKnight, IT Director, sworn interview

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that due to “chain-of-command,” if Lober needed something, McKnight would get it for him.

The Brevard County government had a contract with Dell for purchases of needed computers. McKnight said the Dell contract was in place when Lober took office and throughout his tenure on the county commission. If a computer was needed, Lober would have to contact McKnight to facilitate the purchase. McKnight explained there were exceptions to when the Dell contract was not used. There had been an emergency at one time that resulted with a new computer having to be purchased from an office supply store. McKnight said there was no emergency situations with Lober needing a computer.

McKnight had a conversation at some point with the county manager, Frank Abbate, about Lober’s IT equipment purchases. Abbate told McKnight that Lober was considered to be at the top of the “chain-of-command,” and that whatever Lober wants he gets. When asked if Abate seemed concern over the purchases, McKnight said, “Yes.” Abate would ask him why Lober was “buying this kind of stuff.” McKnight told Abate he did not know the reason and that he did not ask. The discussions were described as “casual” between McKnight and Abbate regarding items Lober was purchasing.

McKnight said Fritz VanVolkenburgh, Lober’s then chief-of-staff, came to him twice over the period of approximately eight months expressing concerns over the large amount of money being spent by Lober for computer equipment. When McKnight asked what Lober was doing with it, VanVolkenburgh said he thought Lober was taking it to his home office but he did not know. McKnight told VanVolkenburgh that since he was in the IT department, not the purchasing department, he did not have authority to question the purchases. When asked about how remote work was handled during the Covid pandemic, McKnight explained that they had a “pool of laptops”, approximately one-hundred, specifically purchased for remote work during the pandemic. McKnight did not recall for sure, but believed Lober did not request a laptop for remote work.

When asked about the IT departments scanning of the BeQuiet computer and specific components, McKnight said that he could not remember. He said it would be better to ask IT Engineer Justin Martino about the different components in that machine. Additionally, he said Martino had documentation of the components in the BeQuiet machine and that it had been scanned multiple times. McKnight said, it was like “musical chairs with the components in that machine.”

McKnight described some of the service desk personnel as “gamers,” and said “they recognize gaming equipment when they see it.” They were “impressed with some of the equipment that was installed and uninstalled in that machine (BeQuiet).” At some point, it was brought to McKnight’s attention that an I9 processor was in one of Lober’s computers. It was considered uncommon at the time because there was no justification for a county employee to have that type of processor. The video card was also brought to the attention of McKnight. Martino told McKnight that there had been a good video card in the computer to when it was initially purchased, but the new video card added later was valued around fifteen-hundred dollars. The RAM (random-access memory) in the BeQuiet machine, which was 128 gigabytes, was “unheard of” for a personal computer. McKnight explained that some of the IT department personnel had noticed there were “gaming-type” computers purchased most recently by the county that contained an I9 processor and 32 gigabytes of RAM. He said those computers were scrutinized because it was “way overkill” for AutoCAD (automated computer design) purposes.

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McKnight said that when using AutoCAD, it is “very taxing” on the processor and the RAM. He said 16 gigabytes of RAM and an I7 processor could handle just about anything “you throw at it.” Inspector Hubbard asked McKnight what type of computer activities could one do with a computer configured such as Lobers. McKnight responded, “Could have a hell of a gaming machine.”

While attempting to identify a piece of equipment Lober purchased, McKnight commented on how strong the Wi-Fi connection was at Lober’s office. He said that Lober complained about the Wi-Fi connection after the carrier changed, but according to McKnight, a check of the Wi-Fi indicated the connection was good.

McKnight said that Lober asked for his help to set up a static IP address on a storage device at his office in Merritt Island. By assigning a static IP address, it would enable Lober to login remotely by using the specific IP address and credentials on any computer, tablet, or mobile phone. According to McKnight, the static IP address was set up by another IT Department employee. The storage device would not have been on the county’s computer network or accessible to anyone else without them knowing the credentials to login.

A copy of the audio-recorded interview will be placed on a compact disc (CD) and maintained as INV-19 in the related items section of this case file.

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Martino served as a Senior Assistant Administrator and Service Desk Manager during the time Lober served as the Brevard County District 2 Commissioner. He became aware of Lober's extensive computer and related equipment purchases during the audit process by the clerk's office.

In September or October of 2021, Martino was asked to review a quote on a computer that Lober was wanting to purchase. During his review, Martino noted that the computer had an "RTX3090" graphics card. At the time, the RTX3090 graphics card cost an estimated \$1500 to \$1600 dollars. The reason for the high cost of the graphics card was due to lack of availability of the product. Martino explained that due to supply chain issues, the item was rare and that an individual would have to pay twenty to thirty percent more than usual, or enter a lottery for the ability to purchase the graphics card. Per Martino, the only thing that particular graphics card would be needed for would be "high end rendering" such as engineering level "auto cad" (computer-aided design), or for complex three dimensional (3D) images. He clarified by saying he was not talking about PowerPoint 3D images, but fully animated movies. Another use would be for AI (artificial intelligence) machine learning.

That particular graphics card caught Martino's attention because it was very difficult to obtain. He believed the additional hardware in the computer was reasonable. When Lober left the computer at the IT department for it to be configured to run on the counties network, the RTX3090 graphics card was not installed. Lober had "swapped" the video card for a different one. The first time the IT department detected the RTX3090 video card was the day after the audit began, when Lober brought the BeQuiet brand computer to the IT department. "That was the first time it had ever been in any computer on our network," Martino said. The documents he provided the clerk's office during the audit, and later provided directly to Inspector Hubbard, documented the changes of hardware in the computers. The graphics card was originally purchased inside the Omen brand computer and later swapped to the BeQuiet computer. The counties computer monitoring system documents scans done to county computers for IT personnel to review for diagnostic purposes. Martino reviewed the reports for each week to determine when the video card appeared in any computer. Inspector Hubbard asked Martino if the "BeQuiet" and the "Omen" computers could be used for office use, which he said they could. When considering the highest technical ability of both machines, Inspector Hubbard

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Description: Justin Martino, IT Engineer, sworn interview

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asked what were they capable of, which Martino responded, "Gaming, Bit Coin mining, 3D rendering."

Martino referred to a document he created and provided to the Brevard County Clerk's office, titled "Summary of Hardware Changes." Martino provided Inspector Hubbard copies of the IT department's system scans of Lober's computers to demonstrate other changes. According to Martino, Lober began bringing items to the IT Department the day after the audit began. Lober had Martino take photographs of the computers to document the hardware. While taking pictures Martino discovered the BeQuiet computer had an I9 processor and 128 gigabytes of RAM (random access memory) installed, realizing it was new hardware previously unknown to the IT Department.

On January 18, 2022, was the first time the IT Department received the BeQuiet computer. Initially it has an I7 processor and 32 gigabytes of RAM, but no graphics card. When Martino saw the BeQuiet computer a second time, it had a new motherboard, new RAM, new processor, and video card. The hard-drive was the only thing that was original in the computer. A review of the software programs installed on Lober's computers did not reveal anything out of the ordinary. When asked if gaming or Bit coin mining software would have been found, Martino said that once the computer was imaged and connected to the counties network, the computer would have administrative restrictions set by the IT Department restricting any additional software being installed.

The following is the documented changes to the BeQuiet computer by Martino as documented on his "Summary of Hardware Changes" document.

- Processor
 - o As of 2/14/2022: Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-7700K CPU @ 4.20GHz
 - o Current: 12th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i9-12900K
- Memory
 - o As of 2/14/2022: 2x Mushkin MB[A/B]4U240FFFF16G 16GB Memory Modules
 - o Current: 4x VENGEANCE® LPX CMK64GX4M2E3200C16 32GB Memory Modules
- Video Card
 - o As of 2/14/2022: AMD Radeon HD 6700 Series
 - o Current: NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3090
- Motherboard Components
 - o As of 2/14/2022
 - § Baseboard: GIGABYTE GA-Z270X-UD3
 - § Disk Controller: Intel(R) 300 Series Chipset Family SATA AHCI Controller
 - § Network: Intel(R) Ethernet Connection I219-V
 - § Sound: Realtek High Definition Audio (Motherboard Audio) and AMD High Definition Audio Device (Video Card Audio)
 - § USB: USB xHCI Compliant Host Controller, ASMedia USB3.1 eXtensible Host Controller
 - o Current
 - § Baseboard: ASUS PRIME Z690-P D4 (Model Number comes from LANSweeper)
 - § Disk Controller: Standard SATA AHCI Controller (No Driver Installed); Alder Lake-S PCH SATA Controller [AHCI Mode] based on Vendor and Device ID
 - § Network: Realtek Gaming 2.5GbE Family Controller (Intel(R) Ethernet Connection I219-V appears in the configuration but isn't present)
 - § Audio: High Definition Audio Device (Motherboard Audio) and NVIDIA High

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Definition Audio (Video Card Audio)

§ USB: Intel(R) USB 3.20 eXtensible Host Controller - 1.20

Martino expressed surprise when he was told that Lober had purchased three 18 terabyte hard-drives. He explained that Lober was most likely creating a Raid 5 array. In simplistic terms, Martino explained that it was to create data security. He said if any county department needed that much memory they would have sought assistance from the IT Department because no department would have a Raid 5 array. When asked by Inspector Hubbard, Martino said he had no idea what it would have been used for.

When asked about the thirty-two inch monitor that Lober purchased from NewEgg, Martino said the monitor was purchased at a cost of one dollar below the threshold that would require it to be reported as an asset. The monitor was expensive because of the quality of its display and processing speed, according to Martino. He said, "There's only one reason you need that and its gaming. There is no business purpose to have a monitor running that fast."

The audio-recorded interview with Martino was placed on to a compact disc (CD) and will be maintained as INV-20 in the related items section of this case file.

The IT documents referred in this investigative report will be maintained as INV-21 in the related items section of this case file.

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On January 27, 2023, at approximately 0932 hours, Inspector's David Hubbard and Jennifer Barineau conducted a voluntary, recorded, and sworn interview with Robert "Fritz" VanVolkenburgh at the Merritt Island Service Complex, 2575 North Courtenay Parkway, Suite 200, Merritt Island. The following is a synopsis.

VanVolkenburgh began working in the District 2, Brevard County Commission office in 2018 when Brian Lober was elected to office as the county commissioner. He met Lober approximately three years prior while working for the Brevard County Clerk of Court. VanVolkenburgh served as the District 2 Chief of Staff working on constituent issues and prepared Lober for meetings. Maria "Kika" Golan and Regina "Rocket" Wieler were the other two employees in Lober's office.

VanVolkenburgh was working on February 22, 2022, when Lober and his wife, Rebecca Lober, were entering the government complex building around 1730 hours. He observed them carrying boxes of unknown items, walking toward the commissioner's office. VanVolkenburgh did not have any conversation with Lober or his wife as he left. VanVolkenburgh also observed some of the clerk of court's staff arriving but did not speak with them.

He was the only person in Lober's office that was issued a county government purchase card. He explained that at first, Lober would have VanVolkenburgh make purchases for him. Lober then obtained the card information and began making online purchases but VanVolkenburgh kept possession of the physical card. When Lober began making purchases using VanVolkenburgh's purchase card information, Lober would inform him of the purchase. After a short time, Lober stopped telling VanVolkenburgh of the purchases.

When asked if he ever asked Lober why he was making purchases, VanVolkenburgh said that at first he did ask but after a while he felt that he was not in a position to question a commissioner. He saw most items purchased by Lober that came to the office. A few items that Lober purchased were delivered to the information desk at building C located at the government complex in Viera. A few other items Lober purchased were sent to his residence.

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Description:Robert "Fritz" VanVolkenburgh, Chief of Staff to Lober, sworn interview

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VanVolkenburgh explained that each commissioner was provided five-million dollars of CARES Act funds. Initially, Lober was allowed by the county commission to spend approximately fifteen-thousand dollars of CARES Act funds on tangible goods and non-profit organizations. But a few months later, the county commission approved a motion to allow Lober to spend up to sixty-thousand.

VanVolkenburgh explained that he kept informed about the expenditures due to having to watch over the budget for the office. He felt that many of Lober's purchases were "way above what you would need" for a commissioner's office. When asked if Lober would inform the IT Department of his computer and related equipment purchases, VanVolkenburgh said, not to his knowledge. The IT Department personnel assisted Lober's office was when they purchased a computer monitor for the office. The only other time the IT Department assisted the office was when cable was installed in the ceilings to help improve the internet connection. Inspector Hubbard asked if Lober had complained about the internet or Wi-Fi connection, VanVolkenburgh said that a few months before Lober left office he brought an antenna to the office so that could be installed on the roof to improve the internet connection. Inspector Hubbard let VanVolkenburgh review photograph IMG 0581, which was provided by the Brevard County Clerk of Court's Office. VanVolkenburgh confirmed that the items depicted in the photograph were the antenna that Lober wanted to utilize for improved internet connection.

Lober began using VanVolkenburgh's purchase card without asking for it soon after taking office. Lober would ask what the spending limits were, which VanVolkenburgh's said were seven-hundred fifty dollar spending limit per transaction, and a limit of two-thousand dollars per month. VanVolkenburgh's email was not attached to many of Lober's purchases and he was unaware of purchases until they arrived at the office.

VanVolkenburgh always went to the office for work but Lober worked from home a lot. According to VanVolkenburgh, there were many video conferences, most of them Lober would do from his home. Lober would come to the office only "once in a while" to do the video conferences.

Inspector Hubbard asked VanVolkenburgh to explain how he learned about Lober's purchases from Rockler and his use of the certificate of sales tax exemption form being used with those purchases. VanVolkenburgh explained that he was in the office when a woman from Rockler company called the office and spoke to Golan. The woman from Rockler was inquiring about the "tax exemption form" and VanVolkenburgh was unaware of the purchase by Lober and therefore could not answer her questions. VanVolkenburgh told Golan to tell Lober that someone from Rockler company called but not to mention anything about the questions regarding the tax exemption form. Approximately two weeks later a package arrived at the office from Rockler company. VanVolkenburgh opened the box and saw there was a tool inside but did not recognize what type of tool it was. The next time Lober came to the office he took the tool when he left. A week or two after the package came from Rockler, the purchase card statement arrived but did not show a purchase from Rockler.

VanVolkenburgh was unsure why the Rockler purchase did not show on the purchase card statement. He asked Golan to call Rockler and asked for more information about the purchase. He learned that there was an email exchange between Lober and Rockler company regarding the tax exemption form. They requested the email exchange which Rockler sent them. The information VanVolkenburgh received indicated that Lober had used his office address and

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phone number during the purchase, therefore the company called the office to clarify questions about the tax exempt certificate. VanVolkenburgh said that he had provided the tax exempt certificate to Lober soon after he took office and explained that it should be used for government purchases.

Inspector Hubbard asked VanVolkenburgh if he was aware of Lober being involved in a hobby of woodworking. VanVolkenburgh said that Lober was involved in woodworking and that he had a small lathe in his home garage. VanVolkenburgh remembered that Lober had mentioned a few days after the phone call with Rockler, that he wanted to replace the sign in front of the District 2 office building that said, "Welcome to Merritt Island." The sign was fifteen to twenty years old and was in disrepair. Lober had said that he wanted to rebuild the sign himself, but he never did work on the sign.

Inspector Hubbard asked VanVolkenburgh about Lober installing Wi-Fi in his vehicle. According to VanVolkenburgh, Lober told him that he was going to install Wi-Fi in his vehicle because it would help him stay connected. Lober said that when he traveled to Orlando he would lose connection and by installing Wi-Fi he would be able to stay connected.

Inspector Hubbard asked if VanVolkenburgh had seen the tangerine in color office chair that was missing during the initial inventory. VanVolkenburgh had not seen the chair purchased with the purchase card but only saw the one that Lober purchased with his own money to replace the original chair that seem to have been lost. The replacement chair was purchased by Lober and delivered soon before he resigned from office.

The audio-recorded interview with VanVolkenburgh will be maintained as INV-22 in the related items section of this case file.

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On August 21, 2023, Inspector David Hubbard submitted a subpoena to Amazon.com requesting records pertaining to any B2B Business Prime account associated with Lober. This subpoena was to determine if there was an additional account that was not included in the original subpoena submitted on January 18, 2023.

A review of the documents returned on August 25, 2023, appeared to be the same as the documents received from the prior subpoena to Amazon.com. Therefore, it was determined Lober had only one Amazon.com account. The records also indicate that Lober had an Amazon Student Prime account and that he was not paying for shipping on any orders. It is unable to be determined why Lober purchase a B2B Business Prime account.

The account records obtained from the second subpoena and associated documents will be maintained as INV-23 in the related items section of this case file.

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Description:Amazon.com second subpoena results

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On August 25, 2023 at approximately 0947 hours, Inspector David Hubbard conducted a voluntary, recorded, and sworn interview of Brevard County Manager Frank Abbate in his office located at the Brevard County Government Complex, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Bldg. C, Viera. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Abbate was the Brevard County Manager during the time Lober was the County Commissioner for the Brevard County District 2. Inspector Hubbard asked if the former Central Services Director, Steven Darling, expressed his concern about Lober's purchasing practices to Abbate. Abbate said yes, but explained that prior to Darling approaching him, Lober had an issue with the way a purchase he wanted to make was being handled by one of Darling's staff members. Abbate told Darling that he should not be concerned with Lober's complaint. Later Darling approached Abbate regarding purchases that Lober was making. Abbate said that the Brevard County policy stated that the chief ethics officer was the county attorney, Abigail Jorandby. Therefore, he and Darling went to Jorandby to talk to her about the purchases Lober was making.

Abbate believed that Darling did not remain very long during his meeting with Jorandby. During the discussion between Abbate and Jorandby, they determined that all purchases were processed through the Finance Department so they decided to call Mark Peterson, Assistant Director in the Finance Department. Peterson said that Lober's purchases were processed, and he did not see any issues with them. Abbate explained that according to the counties policy, the Finance Department has the responsibility to provide oversight to ensure the policies and administrative orders regarding purchasing practices were being followed appropriately. Policies are approved by the board of county commissioners and the administrative orders are approved by the county manager. County employees who fall under the direction of the county manager are required to follow the administrative orders. However, the county commissioners did not fall under the supervision of the county manager.

Abbate said at the time Lober was in office, the county commissioners did not have the same

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Description: Frank Abbate, County Manager, sworn interview

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purchasing policy as the counties administrative orders. Since the county commissioners did not report to Abbate, he did not review purchases made by the commissioners or their staff.

Inspector Hubbard asked Abbate about purchases of computers for county use to which he explained that computer purchases were supposed to be coordinated with the IT (information technology) Department. This was to ensure the correct licenses were purchased for its use on county owned computers. It was not unusual for county commissioners to attend board meetings remotely while out of the area by the use of computer or even their mobile phone.

Inspector Hubbard asked Abbate if he was familiar with tangerine in color chair that was purchased by Lober that could not be found. According to Abbate, when Lober was questioned about the chair, he said that he could not remember who he gave the chair to. Abbate said that the day after the commission meeting he held a staff meeting with the department directors at which time he told all of them to search their areas to locate the chair. The directors reported back to Abbate that they could not locate the chair. Abbate said that Lober told the commission later on that he purchased a new chair, meaning with his own money, to replace the original one that could not be found.

According to Abbate, Lober requested and was granted by the board of commissioners, authorization to use sixty-thousand dollars of the five-million dollars of CARES Act funds allotted to District 2, to purchase items that he would donate to non-profit organizations. Abbate "heard" that Lober had purchased a security system for a non-profit. He believed that Lober thought of himself as a "computer geek." Because the board of commissioners had given Lober authority as described, Abbate said that he would not be able to say purchases were questionable or not.

Abbate said that he would provide Inspector Hubbard a copy of the video that depicted Lober making his requests to the county commission regarding the sixty-thousand dollar expenditure of CARES Act funds. When the digital video recording was collected, a digital copy of a memorandum was also included that described the CARES Act allocations for Lober. The allocations were approved on August 3, 2021 by the Brevard County Commission and were documented as:

"Expanding the category of staff tangible goods to rephrase it as staff/government/non-profit tangible goods and/or services to allow for use of the funds to purchase items not only for staff but for governmental entities and non-profits;

Increasing the maximum expenditure from that pool of funds to \$60,000;

Creating a new category to allow District 2 CARES Act funds to be used for infrastructure (sewer/water/road and bridge/bus shelters/internet) for projects within District 2 and a maximum permissible allocation of \$500,000; and

Authorizing staff to execute Budget Change Requests and/or any other administrative actions deemed necessary to effectuate the allocation."

A copy of the audio recorded interview will be maintained as INV-24 in the related items section of this case file.

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Copies of the video and memorandum will be maintained as INV-25 in the related items section of this case file.

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On September 27, 2023, at approximately 0907 hours, Inspectors David Hubbard and Jennifer Barineau conducted a voluntary, recorded, and sworn interview with Abigail Jorandby at the Nassau County Government Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee. The following is a synopsis.

Jorandby began working for the Brevard County Attorneys office in January 2019 as an Assistant County Attorney. At that time, Brian Lober was already serving as the District 2, Brevard County Commissioner. She was promoted to Deputy County Attorney in April of 2020 and then hired as the County Attorney in November 2020.

Inspector Hubbard asked Jorandby to describe how she became aware of issues pertaining to Lober’s purchase card spending. She said that in mid-December 2021, County Manager Frank Abbate, and Central Services Director Steve Darling, came to her office concerned about Lober’s purchases on his county issued purchase card. It was pointed out to Jorandby that Lober had several purchases that were very close to the single transactional limit. Abbate and Darling urged Jorandby to investigate the purchases. Jorandby told them that the “AO” (administrative orders) did not apply to the board of county commissioners. Jorandby explained that out of the approximately twenty-two hundred county employees, only two were contract employees, the county manager, and the county attorney. The remaining employees are all hired or fired by the county manager. Additionally, Jorandby said that the counties charter specifically stated the authority of the county commission and the county manager. Jorandby explained that administrative orders are the county managers orders for the employees, and that the Board of County Commissioners are prohibited from being involved them. All of the administrative orders are signed by the county manager and there was language indicating that only the county manager could rescind or modify an administrative order.

Due to questions of Lober’s purchases, Jorandby reviewed the Brevard County Commission policy to determine if there was one addressing commissioners use of purchase cards and found none. The only policy regarding purchase cards was an administrative order that addressed county employees purchase card use. Jorandby explained that the administrative order did not apply to county commissioners. She said that while looking at the spending limits listed in the administrative order, there was a monthly transactional limit and a single purchase limit only. Jorandby believed that the administrative order’s term of “single transactional purchase limit” was thought of as a daily transactional limit. Her opinion was that single transactional purchase limit meant that there was a limit on each transaction amount but not a transactional limit per day.

Jorandby contacted Mark Peterson, County Clerk’s Office Finance Director, in early January asking him to explain the process of reconciling the purchase cards. Peterson explained the process and said that there were no questionable expenditures, adding that there were no trips, cigarettes, alcohol, or lottery tickets purchased. Soon after speaking with Peterson, Jorandby told Abbate that the county clerks office was responsible for conducting audits.

According to Jorandby, members of the audit team visited Lober’s office multiple times to

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Description:Abigail Jorandby, former County Attorney, sworn interview

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account for items. Lober has asked Jorandby to witness the audit teams' activities when they met at his office on one occasion. Jorandby said that while there she observed spools of wire and other "gadgets." Jorandby said that she had learned prior to an earlier commission meeting that Lober knew how to lay wire. He had told her at that time that he had just arrived from Tampa where he had helped a friend lay cable wire in the attic. Jorandby said that she was not surprised that Lober was purchasing cables and building computers because he seemed to have the knowledge to do so.

When asked if she was aware of complaints about Lober purchasing items for personal use, Jorandby said that initially "no." Only after a surveillance video depicting Lober bringing items into his office on February 22, 2022, at the time of the first visit by the audit team, did she hear conversations about Lober possibly using items he purchased for personal use. She said that during the pandemic it was an accepted practice to allow county employees to work from home.

A copy of the audio-recorded interview with Jorandby will be maintained as INV-26 in the related items section of this case file.

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On December 4, 2023, Inspector David Hubbard received an email from the Florida Department of Revenue with a response to a request to determine if Rockler, Inc. was required to collect sales tax on remote sales at the time Lober used a Brevard County Certificate of Exemption on his purchases.

The email had an attached PDF document referred to as a Letter of Technical Advice. Under the sub-title "Conclusion" the letter stated, "The purchase of tangible personal property from an online retailer that also has a physical location in Florida is subject to Florida sales and use tax. Additionally, the letter stated, "Due to the fact that a Florida Consumer's Certificate of Exemption issued by the Florida Department of Revenue to a county government was used to avoid paying sales tax, a violation of s. 212.085, F.S., occurred, which is a felony of the third degree."

The Florida Department of Revenue emails and attached letter will be maintained as INV-28 in the related items section of this case file.

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Description:Florida Department of Revenue Letter of Technical Advice

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On February 8, 2024, Inspector Jennifer Barineau served a subpoena to Corporation Service Company, for SunTrust / Truist banking records of Bryan Lober's pertaining to his campaign fund, March 1 through 31, 2021, April 1 through 31, 2021, and July 1 through 31, 2021. On February 22, 2024, Inspector David Hubbard received an email containing a hyperlink which provided access to the records requested from the SunTrust / Truist subpoena.

Inspector Hubbard conducted a review of the records and discovered that the SunTrust statement for account [REDACTED], titled Bryan A. Lober Campaign Account, documented a check card debit posting on April 5, 2021, in the amount of \$1,717.00, to Rockler. This represents payment to Rockler for purchases made in which Lober used a Brevard County issued Consumer's Certificate of Exemption to avoid paying sales tax on a personal, non-governmental, purchase. Rockler provided a copy of invoice 8334795, which depicts no sales tax collected.

A review of the same account's statement dated, July 1 through 31, 2021, depicted a check card debit posting on July 27, 2021, in the amount of \$37.98, to Rockler. Also depicted was a check card debit posting on July 29, 2021, in the amount of \$103.99, to Rockler. These two debits represent payments to Rockler for purchases Lober used a Brevard County issued Consumer's Certificate of Exemption to avoid paying sales tax on a personal, non-governmental, purchase. Rockler provided copies of the invoices associated with these purchases, invoice 8690466, in the amount of \$37.98, and invoice 8696342, in the amount of 103.99.

Each of the Rockler invoices "Bill To" information is listed as, "Brevard County Brd of Cnty Commissioners, PO Box 140, Sharpes, FL 32959, and "Ship To" information listed as "Bryan Lober, 30 Bayshore Ct, Rockledge, FL 32955-4934.

A copy of the electronic records received from SunTrust / Truist will be placed on a compact disc and maintained as INV-29 in the related items section of this case file.

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Author: Hubbard-4021	Office: Executive Investigations
Activity Start Date: 02/23/2024	Activity End Date:02/23/2024
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Description: Lober Campaign account records (Rockler expenditures)

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A review of the Brevard County Clerk's audit summary included a list of all purchases attributed to Lober, which included a purchase on December 21, 2021, to Amazon.com for a B2B (Business) Prime membership, for \$179.00. According to Amazon.com, the Business Prime Essentials Membership plan has an annual fee of \$179.00 that allows up to three members to use the account. Amazon.com's website states, "By linking your accounts, you can keep all the benefits of your personal account while also accessing Business Prime benefits, including business analytics, consolidated shipping, and free business delivery." Other benefits listed on Amazon.com are:

Business Prime shipping benefits

- Free two-day shipping
- Free same-day/one day shipping
- Discounted expedited delivery
- Free Amazon day delivery
- Free consolidated shipping (3-5 days)
- Free delivery on special items

Business Prime shopping benefits

- Prime day deals
- Prime early access

On February 9, 2024, Inspector David Hubbard submitted a subpoena to Amazon.com requesting records pertaining to the Business Prime Membership purchased with Lober's Brevard County purchasing card, ending number 3055. The records request was done to determine if the Business Prime Membership was used by Lober in an undiscovered Amazon account.

On February 15, 2024, Amazon.com provided the requested records available for download in the Amazon law enforcement portal. An itemized review of the purchases documented in the records received matched the records of purchases Lober made on his personal Amazon account, thereby indicating the two accounts were linked.

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Author: Hubbard-4021	Office: Executive Investigations
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Description: Amazon Business Prime Membership records review

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A copy of the referenced Amazon records will be placed on a compact disc and maintained as INV-30 in the related items section of this case file.

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On November 9, 2023, FDLE OEI Inspector (Insp) David Hubbard requested the assistance of FDLE Headquarter's Cyber Bureau, Digital Forensic Consultant (DFC) Patty Aylesbury with evidentiary items collected from the Brevard County Office of the Inspector General on December 1, 2022.

On December 15, 2023, DFC Patty Aylesbury retrieved the following three devices from the evidence vault and began extractin the data from each device:

- Evidence item 1, Bequiet! desktop tower, Serial Number (SN) 036Q0390010246
- Evidence item 2, OMEN desktop tower, SN 2MD1414G43
- Evidence item 3, QNAP Network Attached Storage (NAS), SN Q165105399

Once complete, DCF Aylesbury placed the extracted data from each device on a hard drive. On February 7, 2024, Inspector Hubbard requested that Crime Intelligence Analyst II (CIA) Emma Leonetti retrieve the extracted data via hard drive from DFC Aylesbury for review and analysis.

On February 8, 2024, CIA Leonetti retrieved the aforementioned hard drive from DFC Aylesbury. A copy of the Digital Forensic Analysis Memo from DFC Aylesbury can be viewed electronically as Related Item INV-31.

After review and analysis of the data, CIA Leonetti found no evidence relevant to the investigation. The hard drive with the extracted data will be maintained as Related Item INV-32 and the hard drive with the raw data will be maintained as Related Item INV-36.

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Description:Digital Evidence Memo and Review

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On August 3, 2021, during a regular session of the Brevard County Commission, Bryan Lober requested the commission board to approve his request for expanding his usage of five-million dollars of CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funds received by his office. The commission approved Lober’s request which was documented in a memorandum to County Manager Frank Abbate by the county clerk’s office. Below are the changes as documented in the memorandum.

- Expanding the category of staff tangible goods to rephrase it as staff, government, non-profit tangible goods and/or services to allow for use of the funds to purchase items not only for staff but for governmental entities and nonprofits.
- Increasing the maximum expenditure from that pool of funds to \$60,000.
- Creating a new category to allow District 2 CARES Act funds to be used for infrastructure (sewer/water/road and bridge/bus shelters/internet) for projects within District 2 and a maximum permissible allocation of \$500,000.
- Authorizing staff to execute budget change requests and/or any other administrative actions deemed necessary to effectuate the allocation.

On March 3, 2022, Lober emailed the clerk’s office which included a spreadsheet attachment which documented his CARES Act allocations and expenditures. On multiple occasions Lober used his county purchase card for purchases he attributed to CARES Act funds. For example, on December 14, 2020, Lober used Frank VanVolkenburgh’s purchase card to donate \$750 to a GoFundMe site raising money for burial expenses. Additionally, per the clerk’s audit, it was revealed that Lober donated \$12,451.99 worth of security cameras and other digital equipment to the Brevard County Humane Society. This purchase, and donation was documented in an email from Lober to Commissioner Rita Pritchett in which he provides a list of purchases made, or plans to make, as “CARES fund projects.” In the same email, Lober indicates other

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Author: Hubbard-4021	Office: Executive Investigations
Activity Start Date: 03/11/2024	Activity End Date:03/11/2024
Approved By: Negrete-3325	

Description:Lober's CARES Act documentation

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expenditures for touch-free hand sanitizers, replacement of multiple computers in his district office, and the installation of computer network storage devices, which were paid for using his county issued purchase card.

Money received by Brevard County from the CARES Act were federal funds placed in a specific account for CARES Act funds, and were not comingled with the county budget. Therefore, any CARES Act projects were to use funds specifically received from the CARES Act. Each commissioner's office had an annual budget which was used to pay off the counties purchase card expenses. Lober not only used his purchase card, but also VanVolkenburgh's purchase card, to make purchases meant for Brevard County government use and for CARES Act projects.

The emails and memorandum referenced in this investigative report will be maintained as INV-33 in the related items section.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

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On November 20, 2023, Inspector David Hubbard emailed Rockler Companies Inc. customer care asking the date of the company's physical store opened, located at 515 East Altamonte Drive, Suite 1018, Altamonte Springs, Florida. A response was received on November 27, 2023, which stated the Altamonte Springs store opened in the "fall of 2015."

On December 4, 2023, Inspector Hubbard received an email containing a Letter of Technical Advice from the Florida Department of Revenue, which was documented in the investigative report (IR) 20. The letter indicated, "The purchase of tangible personal property from an online retailer that also has a physical location in Florida is subject to Florida sales and use tax."

On March 20, 2024, an open-source online search of the Florida Division of Corporations, on the Sunbiz.org website, produced documentation of Rockler Companies, Inc. history of Foreign Profit Corporation Annual Report filings, dated from 2013 through 2023.

The Rockler Companies Inc. email referenced will be maintained as INV-34 in the related items section of this case file.

The copies of Rockler Companies Inc. annual report filings referenced will be maintained as INV-35 in the related items section of this case file.

Case Number: EI-11-0077	Serial #: 25
Author: Hubbard-4021	Office: Executive Investigations
Activity Start Date: 03/20/2024	Activity End Date:03/20/2024
Approved By: Negrete-3325	

Description:Establishing Rockler's Florida physical store location

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During the review of the Brevard County Clerk’s audit summary, it was noted that Mr. Lober made numerous purchases from Amazon.com. After receiving a response to a subpoena, Amazon.com provided records of Mr. Lober’s purchases dated January 21, 2019, through April 1, 2022. During that time frame, he completed purchases of 1,005 items on his personal Amazon.com account. Of those items, Mr. Lober used Robert VanVolkenburgh’s Brevard County issued purchase card to complete the purchase of 125 items. Mr. Lober used his Brevard County issued purchase card to complete the purchase of 82 items. A review of all of the items purchased by Mr. Lober using his and Mr. VanVolkenburgh’s county-issued purchase cards, it was determined that no sales tax was collected. Further review of Mr. Lober’s Amazon.com purchases when he was using his personal credit cards revealed that he was not charged sales tax on many purchases that would otherwise be taxed normally.

Consideration was given to further investigate the possibility of Mr. Lober using the Brevard County tax-exempt certificate for his personal purchases. However, it was believed to be impossible to determine due to the inability to obtain full disclosure of records from Amazon.com as experienced with previously submitted subpoenas for records.

Case Number: EI-11-0077	Serial #: 26
Author: Hubbard-4021	Office: Executive Investigations
Activity Start Date: 04/03/2024	Activity End Date:04/03/2024
Approved By: Negrete-3325	

Description:Review of tax-exempt purchases from Amazon.com

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On April 9, 2024, Inspector David Hubbard served a subpoena electronically to the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) requesting any records of Bryan or Rebecca Lober providing payment of Use Tax and any DR-15MO form submitted. The payment of Use Tax and submission of the DR-15MO form is the procedure to pay sales tax on purchases made out-of-state or through the Internet. The records search was initiated to determine if the Lober's had submitted Use Tax to the DOR for Bryan Lober's purchases made to the Rockler company for which he did not pay sales tax when using the Consumer's Certificate of Exemption, otherwise referred to as a tax-exempt certificate.

On April 16, 2024, the DOR provided a response to the subpoena with correspondence indicating they were unable to locate any record of payment for Use Tax and the DR-15MO form for Bryan and Rebecca Lober.

A copy of the email and the attached subpoena response will be maintained as INV-37 in the related items section of this case file.

Case Number: EI-11-0077	Serial #: 27
Author: Hubbard-4021	Office: Executive Investigations
Activity Start Date: 04/09/2024	Activity End Date:04/16/2024
Approved By: Negrete-3325	

Description:Florida Department of Revenue subpoena response (use tax)

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WITNESS LIST CASE#: EI-11-0077**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE NUMBER
Lober	Bryan	Former Commissioner	[REDACTED]	Rockledge	FL	32955	[REDACTED]
Lober	Rebecca	Bryan Lober's wife	[REDACTED]	Rockledge	FL	32955	[REDACTED]
VanVolkenburgh	Robert "Fritz"	Former Chief of Staff to Bryan Lober	[REDACTED]	Rockledge	FL	32955	[REDACTED]
Grounds	Harold	Former Facilities Maintenance Supervisor	[REDACTED]	Cocoa	FL	32926	[REDACTED]
McKnight	Jeffrey	IT Director	[REDACTED]	Malabar	FL	32950	[REDACTED]
Martino	Justin	IT Engineer	[REDACTED]	Titusville	FL	32796	[REDACTED]
Darling	Steven	Former Director of Central Services	[REDACTED]	Mims	FL	32754	[REDACTED]
Da Silva	Leonardo	Former Facilities Program Manager	[REDACTED]	Rockledge	FL	32955	[REDACTED]
Golan	Maria "Kika"	Former Administrative Aide to Bryan Lober	[REDACTED]	Merritt Island	FL	32953	[REDACTED]
Wallace	Matthew	Public Safety Director	[REDACTED]	Melbourne	FL	32940	[REDACTED]
Sadoff	Rachel	Brevard Clerk of Circuit Court	[REDACTED]	Titusville	FL	32780	[REDACTED]
Abbate	Frank	Brevard County Manager	[REDACTED]	Satellite Beach	FL	32937	[REDACTED]
Jorandby	Abigail	Former Brevard County Attorney	[REDACTED]	Fernandina Beach	FL	32034	[REDACTED]

In re: FDLE Investigative Case Number: EI-11-0077
Defendant(s): Bryan Lober

PETITION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR INVESTIGATIVE COSTS

BEFORE ME the undersigned authority, personally appeared Luis Negrete, Special Agent Supervisor for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, who after first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement files this petition, requesting this Honorable Court to enter an Order requiring the defendant(s) in the above-styled cause to pay the costs of investigation incurred by the department during the investigation of this case.

2. I am the Special Agent Supervisor in charge of the investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement of the above-named defendant which resulted in the arrest and prosecution of the defendant for the criminal offenses charged in this cause.

3. This request for cost is made pursuant to F.S. 938.27

4. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement has incurred actual costs in the amount of \$43,506.59 during the investigation and prosecution of the defendant in this cause. Said costs are supported and documented below:

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Employee Wages	<u>\$42,206.83</u>
Travel	<u>\$1,299.76</u>
Purchases	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$43,506.59</u>

5. This petition will be presented by the prosecutor at the time of sentencing.

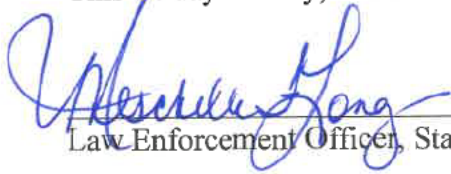
WHEREFORE, the Florida Department of Law enforcement requests that the defendant be ordered to pay the costs requested in this Petition and Affidavit and that payment be made to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Office of Executive Investigations, 2331 Phillips Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32801.

The above facts are true and correct.



Special Agent Supervisor
Florida Department of Law Enforcement

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me
This 14 day of May, 2024



Law Enforcement Officer, State of Florida

Personally known X Identification provided _____

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. EI-11-0077

Plaintiff

vs.

Bryan Lober,

Defendant

ORDER

THIS CAUSE having come before this Court on the Petition of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for investigative cost and the Court being fully advised in the premise, it is ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

1. That the defendants pay the investigative costs incurred by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in the above-styled cause in the amount of \$43,506.59
2. Payment of these costs shall be a condition of the defendant's probation.
3. Full and complete payment of said costs shall be made within one year of the date of this Order.
4. The Clerk of the Court shall collect the payments and dispense them to the Regional Legal Advisor for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Office of Executive Investigations, 2331 Phillips Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32801.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at the _____ County courthouse, _____ Florida, this _____ day of _____, 200____.

Circuit Judge

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out!

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