

CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Case Master Report CW24-28179

Date Initiated 02/21/2024

Warning

Contains entities exempt from disclosure

Primary Information

Agency: **CLEARWATER PD**
Bureau: **CW - CID**
Division: **CW - ECONOMIC CRIMES**
Lead LEO: **TURPACK, TODD N. Sgt-CWPD ([REDACTED] / CW - ECONOMIC CRIMES / CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT)**
Type Of Case: **CW - OFFENSE**

Case Status

Case Status: **CLOSED**
Case Status Date: **03/06/2024**
Disposition Code: **EXC - VICTIM REFUSED TO PROSECUTE**
Disposition Date: **03/06/2024**
Dissemination: **System Wide**

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Primary Information	
Description:	THEFT OF CAMPAIGN SIGNS
Occurrence From:	02/11/2024 00:13
Occurrence To:	02/11/2024 00:13
Source Of Call:	ON VIEW
Dissemination Code:	UNCLASSIFIED
Reporting LEO:	TURPACK, TODD N. Sgt-CWPD [REDACTED] / CW - ECONOMIC CRIMES / CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT)
Report Status:	Approved
Report Status Date:	03/06/2024
Approved By:	HASTY, MICHAEL LT-CWPD [REDACTED] / CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT)

Response Information	
Time Call Received:	02/21/2024 14:09
Time Dispatched:	02/21/2024 14:09
Time Arrived:	02/21/2024 14:09
Time Completed:	02/21/2024 14:15

Addresses	
<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
OCCURRED	1300 PALMETTO ST, CLEARWATER, Florida 33755 UNITED STATES
RELATED	645 PIERCE ST, CLEARWATER, Florida 33756 UNITED STATES

Offenses				
<u>Offense Type</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Attempted/Committed</u>	<u>Statute</u>	<u>UCR Class</u>
MISDEMEANOR	PETIT THEFT - OTH LARCENY	COMMITTED	812.014	230G

Subjects			
<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Bio</u>	<u>DOB</u>
VICTIM - EXEMPT	BUNKER, MARK RAY (PERSON)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
SUSPECT	CW24-28179, UNK (PERSON)	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	---

Analysis Information	
Sick Or Injured:	NO
MHU Referral for Follow Up:	NO
Cargo Theft:	NO
Alarm:	NO
Location Type:	YARD FRNT/BCK (RESIDENCE)

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Analysis Information - Continued

Forced Entry:	NOT APPLICABLE
Alcohol Related:	UNKNOWN
Drug Related:	UNKNOWN
Hate Crime:	UNKNOWN
Sex Crime:	NO
Juvenile Crime:	UNKNOWN
Domestic Violence:	NO
Senior Abuse:	NO
Child Abuse:	NO
Gang Related:	UNKNOWN
School Zone:	NO
Public Housing:	NO
Signature Act:	NO
Electronic Identification:	NO

Property

Status	Quantity	Description
STOLEN	25	MARK BUNKER CAMPAIGN SIGNS

Narrative

SYNOPSIS OF EVENT:

On February 10 and February 11, 2024, throughout various locations within the city of Clearwater, an unknown individual(s) stole an undisclosed amount of Councilmember Mark Bunker's campaign signs.

INVESTIGATIVE ACTION TAKEN:

On February 21, 2024, I was advised of the reported theft of Councilmember Mark Bunker's reelection campaign signs.

The signs were reportedly stolen from various locations within the city.

I was provided with Councilmember Mark Bunker's cellular phone and requested to contact him for further information.

Further action to be taken: Contact Bunker.

DISPOSITION:

State Attorney Information - None at this time.

BWC Video (No)

INVESTIGATIVE COSTS:

\$29.14 Hour @ 1/2 Hour = \$14.58

Record Status Information

Record Origination Operator:	System, ACISS (PINELLAS CO SHERIFFS OFC / PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE)
Record Origination Date:	02/21/2024 14:24

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Last Update Operator:	HASTY, MICHAEL LT-CWPD (██████████) / CW - CID / CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT)
Last Update Date:	03/06/2024 15:30

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CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT
CW - CID - INVESTIGATIVE SUPPLEMENT CW24-28179/1

Report Date: 02/22/2024

Primary Information	
Description:	CONTACT WITH CLEARWATER CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT
Reporting LEO:	TURPACK, TODD N. Sgt-CWPD [REDACTED] / CW - ECONOMIC CRIMES / CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT)
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Report Status Date:	03/06/2024
Approved By:	HASTY, MICHAEL LT-CWPD [REDACTED] / CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT)

Subjects			
Relationship	Name	Bio	DOB
SUBJECT	MULDER, REBECCA (PERSON)	WHITE, FEMALE	---

Analysis Information	
MHU Referral for Follow Up:	NO

Narrative
Supplemental Report
Previous Case Status:
Open
Investigative Action Taken:
On February 22, 2024, I spoke with Rebecca Mulder, who is the City of Clearwater Code Compliance Division Manager.
I briefed Mulder on my investigation and inquired as to whether any of her members may have taken campaign signs belonging to Councilmember Bunker.
Mulder stated that an unknown amount of Bunker's signs were taken as a result of improper placement. For clarification, I asked her what would constitute improper placement. She stated if the signs were placed on the right-of-way, or on city property, the signs would be removed. In addition, if the signs were vandalized or creating a hazard where traffic would be affected, the signs would be removed. It is unclear how many of Bunker's signs were removed by city personnel.
I also learned that members of code enforcement routinely remove improperly placed signs, not only political in nature, but also those soliciting other entities. Mulder advised Bunker's signs were not the focus of the removal.
Mulder added if campaign signs were removed, it is not uncommon for her members to contact the affected campaign office and apprise them of the removal.
No further action taken at this time.
Case Status:
Open
Investigative Costs:
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Record Status Information

Record Origination Operator:	TURPACK, TODD N. Sgt-CWPD ([REDACTED] / CW - ECONOMIC CRIMES / CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT)
Record Origination Date:	02/22/2024 09:10
Last Update Operator:	HASTY, MICHAEL LT-CWPD ([REDACTED] / CW - CID / CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT)
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CW - CID - INVESTIGATIVE SUPPLEMENT CW24-28179/2

Report Date: 02/27/2024

Primary Information

Description: **POSSIBLE SUSPECT VEHICLE IDENTIFIED**
Reporting LEO: **TURPACK, TODD N. Sgt-CWPD (REDACTED) / CW - ECONOMIC CRIMES / CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT)**
Report Status: **Approved**
Report Status Date: **03/06/2024**
Approved By: **HASTY, MICHAEL LT-CWPD (REDACTED) / CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT)**

Analysis Information

MHU Referral for Follow Up: **NO**

Property

<u>Status</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>
EVIDENCE/SEIZED	1	RING CAMERA FOOTAGE
EVIDENCE/SEIZED	1	PRINTOUT OF FLOCK CAMERA VIEWS

Narrative

Supplemental Report

Previous Case Status:

Open

Investigative Action Taken:

It was previously reported that one of the sign theft locations was 1300 Palmetto Street. ROC personnel utilized various investigative means to identify a possible suspect vehicle, a white Ford F-150 bearing Florida tag AN7-1NN, which was observed in the area at approximately 00:10 Hours.

Approximately 3 minutes later, what appears to be a tall male subject, is seen walking through the front yard of the location. The subject removed two campaign signs and placed them in the bed of the truck prior to entering the passenger seat. The vehicle then proceeds eastbound on Palmetto Street.

Further action to be taken: Contact the registered owner of the truck.

Case Status:

Open

Investigative Costs:

\$29.14 Hour @ Hours = \$87.42

Record Status Information

Record Origination Operator: **TURPACK, TODD N. Sgt-CWPD (REDACTED) / CW - ECONOMIC CRIMES / CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT)**
Record Origination Date: **03/01/2024 12:48**
Last Update Operator: **HASTY, MICHAEL LT-CWPD (REDACTED) / CW - CID / CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT)**

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CW - CID - INVESTIGATIVE SUPPLEMENT CW24-28179/3

Report Date: 03/01/2024

Primary Information	
Description:	INTERVIEW OF SUSPECTS
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Subjects			
Relationship	Name	Bio	DOB
SUSPECT	ALLEN, SHAWN, MORGAN (PERSON)	37 yr. old, WHITE, MALE	05/13/1986
SUSPECT	MORFOPOULOS, CRISTOFER GEORGE (PERSON)	34 yr. old, WHITE, MALE	01/03/1990
SUBJECT	ALLEN, DAVID PAUL (PERSON)	71 yr. old, WHITE, MALE	03/26/1952
SUBJECT	DEANGLIS, VALENTINA S (PERSON)	28 yr. old, WHITE, FEMALE	06/03/1995

Analysis Information	
MHU Referral for Follow Up:	NO

Vehicles			
Relationship	Tag #	VIN #	VehicleDescription
RELATED	AN71NN	---	2016 FORD F-150 (WHITE) - AUTOMOBILE

Narrative
<p>Supplemental Report</p> <p>Previous Case Status:</p> <p>Open</p> <p>Investigative Action Taken:</p> <p>On March 1, 2024, Detective Bennett and I made contact with David Allen, the registered owner of the Ford F-150 believed to be involved in the theft.</p> <p>David agreed to speak with Detective Bennett and myself inside his residence. Also in the residence was David's daughter-in-law Valentian Deanglis, the wife of David's son, Shawn Allen.</p> <p>After introducing myself to the pair, I explained the reason why I was there. Both parties stated they had no knowledge of the sign theft. David said Shawn and he are the only two that drive his (David's) truck since Valentian does not drive.</p> <p>Both stated they were unaware of where the Shawn or the truck might have been on the evening of February 11, 2024, but believed him to be home.</p> <p>Shawn was currently at work. Valentian texted Shawn and requested he contact her when available. Shortly thereafter, Shawn called David's cellular phone and our conversation was placed on speaker phone. I introduced myself to Shawn and explained the reason why I was at his residence.</p> <p>I requested he be truthful with me and explained the reason why I was at his residence. During this time, Shawn stepped in and stated he "did it." Shawn went on to add that he did not want Bunker to become mayor and that he and a friend, later learned to be Christofer Morfopoulos, drove throughout Clearwater and stole Bunker's campaign signs. When asked how many the pair took,</p>

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Narrative - Continued

Shawn said approximately 25. According to Shawn, the signs were thrown away after the theft.

Shawn continued and said the pair started the theft at approximately 22:00 Hours on February 10, 2024, and concluded at 01:30 Hours on February 11, 2024. When asked where they stole the signs from, Shawn stated the Gulf to Bay Boulevard, Sunset Point Road, Missouri Avenue and Belcher Road corridor. I asked Shawn whose idea it was to steal the signs. Shawn said it was Morfopoulos's.

I spoke with Morfopoulos via the phone who confirmed the date / time of the thefts. Morfopoulos said he had previously seen on a social media post that Bunker was an anti-scientologist. As a result, Morfopoulos said he took offence , and convinced Shawn to drive him throughout Clearwater in order to steal the signs. I strongly encouraged both parties to avoid such activity in the future and both Shawn and Morfopoulos stated they would.

David stated he has been a scientolgist since 1972, Shawn and Deanglis have been scientologists since birth and Morfopoulos said he has been a scientologist since he was 22 years old. Morfopoulos is currently 34 years of age. This appears the parties motivation for targeting Councilmembers Bunker's signs.

I called Councilmember Bunker to advise him of these developments. At that time, he advised me that he did not wish to pursue charges, but rather wanted to know the motivation behind the thefts.

No further action taken.

Case Status:

Closed Exceptionally - Victim Refused to Cooperate. Any reimbursements will be done in a civil capacity.

Investigate Costs:

\$29.14 Hour @ 3 Hours - \$87.42

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