



CITY OF CANFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

16-580

Charles S. Colucci, Chief of Police

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- 2) Confidential Law Enforcement Investigatory Work Product ORC 149.43(A)(1)(h)
- 3) Uncharged Suspect(s) ORC 149.43(A)(2)(a)
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EVENT INFORMATION

Report No.: 1-16-000580 Local Report No: Report Date/Time: 3/03/2016 15:02
Type: PROP Property Report Event Date/Time: 3/03/2016 15:02 To: 3/03/2016 15:02
Comment: Theft/Embezzlement
Disposition: Closed

EVENT LOCATION

41 PARKSIDE CIR Location Type: Single Family Residence
CANFIELD, OH 44406 County: Mahoning
Intersection: Map / Ref:
Beat / District: District 1 - SW Zone / Area: All District

ADMINISTRATION

Reporting Officer: DeBarr, Chad
Entered By: DeBarr, Chad
Approved By: Wells, Joshua
Additional Approvals:

PROPERTY RELATED TO EVENT:

Property No.: 1 Type: Stolen/Etc. Quantity: 1
Class: Other Documents Value: 1.00
Make: Model: Criminal Mischief: 0.00
Serial Number: Date Recovered:
Owner: Kubic, Helen G Address: 41 Parkside Cir 2 Canfield Oh 44406
Description: US Bonds

DISPATCH INFORMATION

Call Number: 160000001324 Call Type: Seven Digit Number
Received Time: 15:02 End Time: 16:45 Elapsed Time: 104

DISPATCHED UNIT(S)

| Unit Number: | Dispatched: | Enroute: | On Scene | Cleared: | Elapsed: |
|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 118 | 10:47 | 00:00 | 00:00 | 12:23 | 95 |
| 127 | 18:47 | 15:05 | 15:12 | 20:02 | 76 |
| 135 | 10:46 | 10:46 | 10:46 | 11:58 | 72 |



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OFFENSE INFORMATION

Offense No.: 1 S 2913.02 Theft
Larceny Type: Theft From Building
Degree: Felony- 1
Location Type: Single Family Residence
Use of Force: None
Motive:
Hate/Bias Crime: No Bias, Not Applicable
Target of Bias:
Criminal Activity:
Vehicle Method of Entry:
Suspected of Using:
Weapon Used: None
Arson:
Coercion:
Disposition: Adult-Arrested Held For Prosecution
Clearance: Arrest- Adult
Cleared By: McGivern, Brian

Attempted / Committed: C
Intimidation (Hate Crime): No
Domestic/Family Violence Involved: No
Disposition Date: 06/07/2016
Cleared By Date: 06/07/2016

PERSON INFORMATION

ARREST No.: 1 Kovachik, Linda J
454 Flager Ln Youngstown Oh 44511
SSN: ***** Date of Birth: 5/27/1947 Age: 68 YRS Date of Emancipation: / /
D.L. No.: [REDACTED] #1 State: Oh Exp. Date: 5/27/2019 Phone:
Place of Birth: Country: USA
Gender: F Race: W Hgt: 5' 6" Wgt: 170 To 170 Hair: BLN Eyes BRO
Residential Status: Non Resident City O Marital Status:
Aggravated Assault / Homicide Circumstances: Statement Obtained:

ARREST INFORMATION FOR Kovachik, Linda J

Arrest Type: Warrant
Local Arrest No.:
Arrest Department: Canfield Police Department
Assisting Department:
Review Officer:
Arrest Location:
Disposition: (Adult) Not Applicable

Arrest Date / Time: 6/07/2016 10:15
Warrant No.:
Assisted By:



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BOOKING INFORMATION

Booking Officer:
Incarceration Location:
Release Officer:
Release To: Release Date / Time: / / 00:00
Relationship:

CHARGE INFORMATION

Charge No.: 1 Related Offense No.: 1
Charge: 2913.02 Theft
Count: 1 MM Ticket No.: Degree: Felony- 1
Disposition: By Arrest- Adult

PERSON INFORMATION

COMP No.: 1 Bassett, Cynthia L
80 Laurel Hills Ln Canfield OH 44406-0000
SSN: ***** **Date of Birth:** 12/04/1964 **Age:** 51 YRS **Date of Emancipation:** / /
D.L. No.: [REDACTED] #1 **State:** OH **Exp. Date:** 12/04/2016 **Phone:** 330-533-4811 Wk. 000-000-0000
Place of Birth: **Country:**
Gender: F **Race:** W **Hgt:** 5' 5" **Wgt:** 145 To 145 **Hair:** BLN **Eyes:** BLU
Residential Status: Resident- City Of Ca **Marital Status:**
Aggravated Assault / Homicide Circumstances: **Statement Obtained:**

PERSON INFORMATION

PART No.: 1 Kubic, Edward W Jr
2298 Conerstone Dr Cortland Oh 44410
SSN: ***** **Date of Birth:** 11/12/1960 **Age:** 55 YRS **Date of Emancipation:** / /
D.L. No.: [REDACTED] #1 **State:** Oh **Exp. Date:** 11/12/2019 **Phone:**
Place of Birth: **Country:** USA
Gender: M **Race:** W **Hgt:** 5' 10" **Wgt:** 185 To 185 **Hair:** BLN **Eyes:** BLU
Residential Status: Non Resident City O **Marital Status:**
Aggravated Assault / Homicide Circumstances: **Statement Obtained:**

PERSON INFORMATION

PART No.: 2 Painter, Karen K
621 Wyoming Ave Niles Oh 44446
SSN: ***** **Date of Birth:** 6/07/1957 **Age:** 58 YRS **Date of Emancipation:** / /
D.L. No.: [REDACTED] #1 **State:** Oh **Exp. Date:** 6/07/2019 **Phone:** 330-652-6084
Place of Birth: **Country:** USA
Gender: F **Race:** W **Hgt:** 5' 3" **Wgt:** 175 To 175 **Hair:** BRO **Eyes:** HAZ
Residential Status: Non Resident City O **Marital Status:**
Aggravated Assault / Homicide Circumstances: **Statement Obtained:**



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PERSON INFORMATION

VICTM No.: 1 Kubic, Helen G
Individual 41 Parkside Cir 2 Canfield Oh 44406
SSN: ***** Date of Birth: 8/31/1937 Age: 78 YRS Date of Emancipation: / /
D.L. No.: [REDACTED] #1 State: Oh Exp. Date: 8/31/2019 Phone: 330-286-5089
Place of Birth: Country:
Gender: F **Race:** W **Hgt:** 5' 6" **Wgt:** 180 To 180 **Hair:** BLN **Eyes:** BLU
Residential Status: Resident- City Of Ca **Marital Status:**
Aggravated Assault / Homicide Circumstances: **Statement Obtained:**

PERSON INFORMATION

WIT No.: 1 Remias, Norma
50 Parkside Cir 2 Canfield OH 44406-0000
SSN: ***** Date of Birth: 4/11/1938 Age: 77 YRS Date of Emancipation: / /
D.L. No.: [REDACTED] #1 State: OH Exp. Date: 4/11/2017 Phone: 330-533-6272
Place of Birth: Country: USA
Gender: F **Race:** W **Hgt:** 5' 4" **Wgt:** 155 To 155 **Hair:** BRO **Eyes:** BRO
Residential Status: Resident- City Of Ca **Marital Status:**
Aggravated Assault / Homicide Circumstances: **Statement Obtained:**

PERSON INFORMATION

WIT No.: 2 Lipp, Jacquelyn M
31 Parkside Cir 1 Canfield OH 44406-0000
SSN: ***** Date of Birth: 7/11/1941 Age: 74 YRS Date of Emancipation: / /
D.L. No.: [REDACTED] #1 State: OH Exp. Date: 7/11/2018 Phone: 330-533-6257
Place of Birth: Country: USA
Gender: F **Race:** W **Hgt:** 5' 3" **Wgt:** 160 To 160 **Hair:** BRO **Eyes:** BRO
Residential Status: Resident- City Of Ca **Marital Status:**
Aggravated Assault / Homicide Circumstances: **Statement Obtained:**

PERSON INFORMATION

WIT No.: 3 SALINSKY, ASHLEY L
100 Montgomery Dr CANFIELD Oh 44406
SSN: ***** Date of Birth: 2/11/1982 Age: 34 YRS Date of Emancipation: / /
D.L. No.: [REDACTED] #1 State: OH Exp. Date: / / Phone:
Place of Birth: Country:
Gender: F **Race:** W **Hgt:** 5' 5" **Wgt:** 126 To 126 **Hair:** BRO **Eyes:** BLU
Residential Status: Resident- City Of Ca **Marital Status:** N
Aggravated Assault / Homicide Circumstances: **Statement Obtained:**

Narrative Type: CAD Call Information

Topic: TRANSFERRED FROM CAD

Narrative Officer: Young, Kyle 406

Narrative Date/Time: 3/03/2016 18:51

Approved By: [REDACTED] #1

Approval Date/Time:

CALLERS MOTHER HAS [REDACTED] AND SOMEONE HAS BEEN TAKING MONEY FROM HER



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Narrative Type: Initial Report
Narrative Officer: DeBarr, Chad 127
Approved By:

Topic: Theft Of Funds
Narrative Date/Time: 3/03/2016 19:05
Approval Date/Time:

On 3/3/2016, I K9 Officer Chad DeBarr was dispatched to Parkside Cir. reference to possible theft of funds. Once one scene I spoke to the victim, while information was gathered for a report.

Narrative Type: Supplement
Narrative Officer: DeBarr, Chad 127
Approved By:

Topic: Theft
Narrative Date/Time: 3/03/2016 19:07
Approval Date/Time:

On 3/3/2016, I spoke to Cynthia Bassett who advised that she believes that her mother Helen Kubic 's former power of attorney, care taker, and acquaintance has embezzled money, jewelry, and US bonds from her. Helen met Linda J. Kovachik at her church St. Paul's in Youngstown about two or three years ago. At this time, Cynthia her brother Edward who was the power of attorney had a falling out over some personal belongings that they made their mother dispose of due to shortage of space.

During this period, Linda was able to become the power of attorney over all of Helen's funds and personal belongings. Cynthia and Edward advised that Linda continued to manipulate Helen, brainwashing her to believe that her children were all against her. After a few years, Helen started to noticed that Linda was always using her vehicle, making her pay for dinners and asking to borrow money with out paying her back. Due to this suspicion, Helen started to contact Cynthia and advised her of the situation.

Cynthia and her brother Edward then convinced Helen to change her power of attorney over to their cousin Karen Painter who both Helen and the family trusted. Once this process was completed, Edward discovered that his mother had approximately \$100,000 dollars in Federal US Bonds that were missing. He also found that a lot of his mother's expensive jewelry and coins can not be found. Cynthia, Edward and Helen believe that Linda is responsible for these thefts.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement
Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135
Approved By:

Topic: Victim Contact
Narrative Date/Time: 3/04/2016 14:06
Approval Date/Time:

On 3/4/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, spoke with the daughter of the victim, who explained she could meet with me on Monday, 3/7/16. At this time, the power of Attorney is being transferred out of the suspect's name and the storage unit on South Broad Street is being checked for property.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement
Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135
Approved By:

Topic: Cynthia Bassett
Narrative Date/Time: 3/07/2016 16:14
Approval Date/Time:

On 3/8/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, met with Cynthia Bassett at the Canfield Police Department. Cynthia had completed her written witness statement as I also asked her some additional questions. Bassett advised the following;

Back in 2008 Cynthia's father had set up a Trust Fund as he had passed away the same year. Cynthia's brother, Ed Kubic, is the trustee of the fund. Cynthia's mother then moved to her Condo in Canfield as she, her brother, and other sister, Laura, all helped clean out the old home due to their mother being a hoarder. During this time frame, their mother's mental health started to decline as she was blaming her children for stealing her belongings and taking her money from the sale of her home.



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Due to the family having issues, all three siblings did not speak for many years as Laura was then left with a Power of Attorney (POA) over their mother. From 2010 to 2013, Laura had POA until her mother started accusing Laura of stealing.

This is the time frame in 2013 that the mother, Helen Kubic, had her POA switched over to Linda Kovachik, her church friend. Helen just recently switched over her POA to her cousin, Karen Painter, as she was getting suspicious of Linda possibly taking money from her account(s). Karen Painter then reported suspicious bank activity to Helen's children, as they also cannot find savings bonds and jewelry within the home of Helen.

Investigation continues.

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| Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement | Topic: Initial Bank Records |
| Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135 | Narrative Date/Time: 3/08/2016 15:58 |
| Approved By: | Approval Date/Time: |

On 3/8/16 Cynthia Bassett contacted me, Det. Brian McGivern, who advised the following;

Cynthia Bassett now has POA over her mother as they went to Chase Bank in Canfield. The Bank employee (possibly named Ashley) assisted Cynthia with getting bank records from Helen's account.

According to Cynthia, the bank employee advised that bank employees were suspicious of Linda's relationship with Helen, and believed Linda was taking advantage of Helen's banking funds.

An interview with Chase Bank will be conducted in the future.

I briefly met with Cynthia in which she gave me some additional banking statements in which they believe Linda forged Helen's signature.

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| Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement | Topic: Linda Contact |
| Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135 | Narrative Date/Time: 3/08/2016 16:05 |
| Approved By: | Approval Date/Time: |

On 3/8/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, along with Detective Josh Wells, went to Linda Kovachik's last known address; 454 Flagler Lane in Boardman, Ohio. Linda opened the front door of the residence as I identified myself. Linda asked if we were there to "pick me up" in which I replied in the negative. I explained to Linda that I wanted to interview her regarding her being a witness and requested her assistance.

Linda explained that she had to take her sister to the emergency room and could not speak with us at the present time. As Wells and I were walking away from the front door, Linda kept asking questions regarding the investigation. Linda asked if this was about Helen, if her family had called the police, and what the investigation was regarding.

Wells and I explained to Linda to contact us later as she needed to get her sister (last name Kline) to the hospital.

Later on during that day, Linda called and set up an appointment time with me at Canfield PD; Thursday 3/10/16 at 09:00 hrs. Linda advised she was currently at North Side Hospital as she took her sister to get an [REDACTED] #7

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| Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement | Topic: Interview W/ Laura |
| Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135 | Narrative Date/Time: 3/10/2016 13:05 |
| Approved By: | Approval Date/Time: |



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On 3/9/16 at approximately 18:00 hours I, Detective Brian McGivern, met with Helen Kubic's second daughter, Laura A. Summer. Responding to my questions, Laura advised the following;

During the time frame of 2008 Laura was going through a divorce and was dealing with [REDACTED] and her family fighting as their father had passed away, and Helen was showing signs of [REDACTED]. A Trust was set up for Helen as she was moved from her west side home and moved to a Condo in Canfield. Edward was the trustee of the Trust. #7

Laura then took over the power of attorney POA as Helen was blaming Ed for stealing her property. As time went on, Helen's mental health was getting worse as she was getting into accidents and driving erratic around her condo association. During the year of 2013, Laura took Helen to the doctor's office and asked that her driver's license be taken away due to the mental health issues. Helen then started fighting with Laura as she (Helen) believed Laura was trying to take away her car.

During the 2013 time frame, Laura was experiencing health issues herself and her mother was getting worse. Laura helped her mother clean her condo as she is a consistent hoarder and needed to have items placed in storage units. As Laura was placing items into the storage units, Helen explained that her savings bonds were placed into the storage unit by accident. Laura had believed the bonds were in a safe deposit box at the bank however, Helen had picked up the bonds as she felt the bank was stealing from her security deposit box.

Laura located the bonds in the storage unit and returned them to the Condo as requested by Helen. At this time, the stress of dealing with Helen's mental state and Laura's own health issues, she allowed a church friend take care of her mother. Linda Kovachik then took over the day to day activities with Helen.

Laura then explained that all of a sudden, Linda appeared to have taken Helen away from everybody as she would rush her out of church at the end of mass, stopped the condo neighbors from visiting with Helen, and no phone calls were able to be made or returned from Helen.

Laura then explained that her cousin, Karen Painter, had learned that Linda took over the POA as jewelry was being kept at her (Painter's) residence locked in a safe. Painter explained that Linda drove Helen over to Karen's home where they went through all of Helen's jewelry, and then left with the jewelry as Helen wanted to take the jewelry back to her condo. This is the last time the jewelry was ever seen.

Laura then contacts Linda over the telephone and explains that she feels she (Linda) does not have Helen's best interest in mind, as Linda explains to Laura that she worked for Jim Trafficant, and she knows people, and she would make Laura's life a living hell. Linda hangs up the telephone at this time.

Laura stated that she stopped trying to contact Helen as Helen would yell and scream at Laura as Laura was being blamed for stealing.

Laura then communicated with Edward and Cindy as they learned that their cousin (Painter) now had POA over Helen. Karen Painter then arranged a meeting with Helen and all of her children as Helen was starting to see how Linda was stealing from Helen. This meeting occurred as Karen was not able to care for Helen and also was aware that Cindy was trying to get guardianship over Helen.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement

Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135

Approved By:

Topic: Linda Interview

Narrative Date/Time: 3/10/2016 14:35

Approval Date/Time:

On 3/10/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, met with Linda Kovachik as she had agreed to come into Canfield Police Department for an interview. Linda was brought back to the interview room where she was audio and video recorded during the interview. Linda was advised of the non-custodial nature of the interview as I explained to her she was free to leave at any time, she was not under arrest, and anything she tells me today, she will still be leaving on her own.

Responding to my questions, Linda explained that she was asked by Helen to take over her POA as Helen felt her children were stealing from her. Linda agreed to take care of Helen as she would drive her to the grocery store



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and bank. Linda at first denied ever doing any banking with Helen and also denied ever signing any checks or withdrawal slips from Helen's banking statements.

Linda then explained that Helen had cashed out her own savings bonds to purchase a vehicle as she had received an insurance check for wrecking her previous vehicle. Linda explained the insurance check and the savings bonds were used to purchase Helen's new vehicle which was purchased at Fairway Ford.

I then confronted Linda with some of the evidence that was provided by Cindy, Laura, and Edward. The bank statements in which Linda had signed from the withdrawal slips, the personal checks that she forged Helen's name, and the W2 tax forms of Helen's showing her income \$100,000.00 in 2014.

Linda then asked if she was going to jail for a long time. Linda explained that she has a bad gambling addiction and did in fact steal money from Helen without Helen's knowledge. Linda also admitted that she used Helen's mental state in her favor in order to steal Helen's funds.

Linda denied stealing any other items from Condo however, later admitted in a written statement that she sold Helen's wedding diamond ring and band at Direct Jewelry Outlet in Boardman.

Linda completed a written statement and explained that she did not steal any other property from Helen or anybody else that she cares for.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement

Topic: State Farm Insurance

Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135

Narrative Date/Time: 3/10/2016 16:31

Approved By:

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On 3/10/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, called Aaron Stoeber from All State Insurance Company in Canfield. According to Cindy, Helen received a \$17,000.00 dollar check due to her car accident however, the check cannot be located within Helen's bank accounts.

Aaron Stoeber advised he will get me a copy of the check and return copy as to identify where the check was cash.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement

Topic: Norma Remias

Narrative Officer: Cover, Dustin 133

Narrative Date/Time: 3/14/2016 18:13

Approved By:

Approval Date/Time:

On 3/14/2016, I, Ofc. Cover spoke with Helen Kubic's neighbor, Norma Remias, at her home on Parkside Cir. Upon my questioning, Norma provided the following information to me about Helen as well as a female named Linda whom she had seen with Helen the past couple of years:

Norma has known Helen for a number of years because her husband is related to Helen's husband in some way, and she has been Helen's neighbor for approximately eight years. Norma described Helen as a "pretty fragile" woman who may possibly have [REDACTED] or some other age-related mental conditional due to her constant forgetfulness. #1

Norma described a situation a number of years ago in which Helen once told her that she believed Helen's children were stealing from her. Norma explained that this accusation was before she was aware of Linda, but said that Helen had moved into the condo from a much larger home and it was likely that Helen's children had to find somewhere else to store her belongings. This, she said, may have caused Helen to believe that her children stole her belongings. However, Norma assisted Helen with speaking to three attorneys about the issue. When Helen and Norma spoke with Attorney Betras at one point, Helen stated that Atty. Betras noticed something was potentially not right with Helen mentally and mentioned his observation to Norma.

Norma stated that she has not had much interaction with Helen since Linda came around. Additionally, Helen became angry at Norma over an incident one day in which Norma was exiting the development and Helen (driving) almost struck her with her car as she was entering the development. Norma reported Helen's poor driving to



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Helen's children and Helen refused to speak with Norma after.

When asked if she knew a Linda Kovachick, Norma stated that Helen never mentioned anything to her about her, but she was aware of her. Norma said Linda attends the same church as she and Helen, and she met Linda "two summers ago" at her mailbox in her condo development. On that day, Norma observed Linda walk away from Norma's front door, and Linda approached her at the mailboxes. Linda then said, "Are you Remias? I'm Linda, Helen's power of attorney, and I'm taking charge of all phone calls now." Norma did not mention having any further interaction with Linda. Norma described Linda as being not very friendly with her tone that day.

Norma was provided with a C.P.D. business card and was advised that a detective may possibly be in touch with her in the future as a result of an ongoing investigation.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement

Topic: Jacquelyn Lipp

Narrative Officer: Cover, Dustin 133

Narrative Date/Time: 3/14/2016 18:46

Approved By:

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On 3/14/2016, I, Ofc. Cover spoke with another neighbor of Helen Kubic, Jacquelyn (Jackie) Lipp, at her home on Parkside Cir. Upon my questioning, Jackie provided the following information to me about Helen:

Jackie has known Helen for approximately the past five years and has assisted her at various times with household tasks within the past "couple" of years. Jackie described Helen as "confused" and would often need assistance with various problems around her home, like figuring out how to turn off the heater in the garage.

In one incident approximately two years ago, Helen asked Jackie for assistance with moving a small safe. Jackie was able to help with relocating the safe from the back seat of Helen's car into Helen's garage. She said that Helen was unable to gain access to safe since she had forgotten the pass code to the lock. As a result, Helen contacted the manufacturer of the safe and was able to gain entry. Jackie mentioned that she remembered seeing what looked like savings bonds in the safe when it was opened, but did not know where the safe had come from or why Helen was moving it. She said that this incident had stuck with her because Helen's daughter later informed Jackie that Helen believed her bonds were missing.

Jackie stated that Helen would mention to her that Helen's children might be stealing from Helen, especially at night. Jackie mentioned that comments like the above came from Helen before Linda came into the picture. Jackie also stated that she doesn't believe Helen's children were stealing from her, that Helen "likes her belongings" and that she has many of them, and thinks that because of Helen's state of mind, she may be forgetting where some of her belongings are.

When asked about Linda Kovachick, Jackie stated that she was aware of Linda being Helen's power of attorney and care taker. Jackie explained that through her various conversations with Helen, she learned that Helen was no longer able to drive and Linda had to transport her. Helen informed Jackie that for the past year, Linda had been driving Helen's new car, charging Helen for gas in the car, and forcing Helen to pay for Linda's lunches. Helen also told Jackie that Linda was costing her too much money and she was concerned about not having any money left. As a result, Helen began walking to get to her destinations in order to save money. Jackie asked Helen why she was letting Linda do these things to her, and she said that with that question, it seemed Helen was beginning to realize that Linda should not have been doing what she had been doing.

Jackie also described a situation that Helen told her about involving Linda asking Helen to borrow money. Prior to going to the bank, Linda asked Helen for \$300. When they arrived at the bank, Linda changed the request to \$800. Jackie mentioned that she was unsure of which bank this transaction occurred, as Helen has multiple bank accounts.

Jackie did not have much personal contact with Linda, but stated that there was a general feeling that Linda did not want anybody interacting with Helen. Jackie also mentioned that it was suspicious to her when, last year, Linda began driving what looked like a brand-new Honda CRV instead of the other car she had been driving. When asked if she had any additional information on Linda, Jackie stated, "Linda is a bad woman, and I hope that she gets punished for what she is doing to Helen."



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When asked about any other potential neighbors knowing what has been happening to Helen, she stated that she believed only she and Norma Remias are aware of the details involving the situation. Jackie was provided with a C.P.D. business card and was advised that a detective may possibly be in touch with her in the future as a result of an ongoing investigation.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement

Topic: Karen Painter

Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135

Narrative Date/Time: 3/17/2016 10:09

Approved By:

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On 3/16/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, contacted Karen Painter via telephone and conducted an interview regarding her having power of attorney (POA) after Linda Kovachik. Painter advised the following:

Painter (Helen's cousin) explained that Helen approached her a few years ago as Helen believed that Laura was stealing from her; Helen asked Painter to become the POA. During this time, Painter declined due to health issues. Helen then had Linda become the POA.

Last July or August of 2015 Helen again approached Painter to take over her POA as Helen explained that Linda was in her business too much, and did not trust Linda. Painter agreed as she then was able to get all of Helen's children together as they were not talking due to the loss of their father. All of the children; Laura, Cynthia, and Edward all got together and had a meeting with Helen.

Helen agreed to have her children back into her life as her children started uncovering the missing bonds, and discrepancies in her banking statements.

Painter also explained that when Linda had POA over Helen, one day they (Linda and Helen) arrived at her home and asked to look at Helen's jewelry, as Helen had moved her jewelry to Painter's home. Painter explained that they sat down and went through all the jewelry, packed up the jewelry, and then departed Painter's home, taking the jewelry with them.

Narrative Type: Supplement

Topic: Direct Jewelry

Narrative Officer: Wells, Joshua 128

Narrative Date/Time: 3/17/2016 15:28

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On 3/17/16, I contacted Direct Jewelry Outlet and requested a review of their historical records for any sales of jewelry made by Linda Kovachik. I was advised that the 2015 and 2016 records are maintained on site and that the owner (Greg) would need to pull older records from storage in Pittsburgh. I offered my assistance in order to lighten the burden of reviewing the non-computerized records and was advised the decision would rest with the owner.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement

Topic: Hollywood Gaming

Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135

Narrative Date/Time: 3/21/2016 14:30

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Approval Date/Time:

On 3/18/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, sent a subpoena to Hollywood Gaming Racino in Austintown. On 3/21/16 I retrieved the documents from the Racino; the dates of plays, win / loss records, surveillance pictures, etc. All placed in the case file.

I had also subpoenaed the banking records in which are still pending.



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Topic: Patricia Traficant
Narrative Date/Time: 3/22/2016 14:56
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On 3/22/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, along with Detective Josh Wells went to Patricia Traficant's residence in Poland, Ohio. The vehicle that Linda is driving was purchased by Traficant in 2005 according to the Honda Store subpoenaed records. According to the victim's daughters, Linda was also known to use Traficant's name to make her more powerful.

Miss. Traficant allowed Wells and I into her home as we explained the reason for our interview. In responding to our questions, Traficant advised the following;

She knew Linda from her husband as she worked for him as an aid while he was a Congressman. Traficant has not talked to Linda in many years but did admit to giving her a car, but did not offer any reason. Traficant also explained that her husband had given Linda money over the years as she was a friend.

Traficant explained that she was unaware of Linda's friends and advised she has never received any money or items from Linda as she was advised of the claim that Linda may have stolen coins and savings bonds.

Traficant could not offer any information regarding this case.

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Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135
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Topic: Direct Jewellery Outlet
Narrative Date/Time: 3/22/2016 15:35
Approval Date/Time:

On 3/22/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, along with Detective Josh Wells went to Direct Jewellery Outlet in Boardman. We were able to obtain the receipt from 3/10/2015 when Linda sold "scrap" jewelry and received \$176.00. On the receipt was listed 10K white gold class ring, a 10K yellow gold class ring, and 14K yellow gold green stone ring.

In reviewing Linda's written statement, she had wrote that she sold a wedding band and a wedding ring with diamonds, not class rings.

The receipt was placed in the case file.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement
Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135
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Topic: Michael Bellish Interview
Narrative Date/Time: 3/22/2016 15:53
Approval Date/Time:

On 3/22/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, along with Detective Josh Wells went to 21 North Osborn Ave., in Youngstown's west side. We met with Michael Bellish who is Linda's nephew who helped moved items from Helen's storage units.

Michael admitted to helping his Aunt after first denying moving any items from storage units. Michael then remembered that his aunt's friend needed help as storage units were condensed from two units into one unit.

Michael advised he never saw any savings bonds or any type of jewelry. He explained plastic tots were used to store holiday decorations. Michael also denied taking any items or seeing his aunt taking any items.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement
Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135
Approved By:

Topic: Tax Returns
Narrative Date/Time: 3/28/2016 15:33
Approval Date/Time:

On 3/24/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, received a phone call from Joan D. Reardon, the CPA who has completed Helen's tax return. Reardon advised she has copies of Helen's tax information from 2011 to 2014. I picked up the



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tax documents and reviewed the following:

In 2011 and 2012 Helen's tax returns revealed that she collected monies from her state teacher fund and her life insurance annuity as her source of income. In 2012 savings bonds were cashed, one at First Place Bank in Warren, and the second at Farmer's National Bank in Canfield. The taxable amount of income from the bond(s) being cashed was over \$9,000.00 dollars.

In 2013 another bond(s) were cashed at Chase Bank and the taxable interest was for the amount of \$9,238.00.

In 2014, the amount of reported income increased from an average of \$50,000.00 in previous years to \$100,195 dollars as taxable interest from bonds being cashed was \$37,521 dollars.

I am still waiting for bank records to be returned from a court ordered subpoena.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement

Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135

Approved By:

Topic: Copies Of Savings Bonds

Narrative Date/Time: 3/28/2016 15:55

Approval Date/Time:

On Friday 3/26/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, met with Cynthia, the current POA. Cynthia handed over an envelope of Xerox copies of numerous bonds that was located while cleaning her mother's condo. The bonds are dated back from 1979 to 1992. The total amount of the copied bonds were added to \$59,350.00 dollars.

It should also be noted that the savings bonds were in Helen Kubic's name with her current Canfield address, and her daughter's name; Laura A. Summer as the POA.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement

Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135

Approved By:

Topic: Linda's Bank Records

Narrative Date/Time: 4/13/2016 10:00

Approval Date/Time:

On 4/12/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, received Linda's bank records from Huntington Bank. In reviewing the bank account activity, several cash deposits were noted from 2013 to 2015; ending in October of 2015.

2013 # of Deposits Total Amount

March
4
\$210.00
April
5
\$590.00
May
2
\$120.00
June
2
\$62.00
July
5
\$695.00
August



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3
175.00
Sept.
5
178.00
Oct.
3
\$1,060.00
Nov.
3
\$12,973.00
Dec.
5
\$1,325.00

Total

\$17,388.00

2014 # of Deposits Total Amount

Jan.
1
\$700.00
Feb.
1
\$380.00
March
2

April
1
\$891.24
May
8
\$2,744.50
June
8
\$3,015.00
July
5
\$1,540.00
August
4
\$2,568.00
Sept.
4
\$1,320.00
Oct.
2
\$1,000.00
Nov.
5
\$2,080.00
Dec.
11
\$3,552.96



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Total

19,791.70

2015 # of Deposits Total Amount

| | | |
|-------|----|------------|
| Jan. | 6 | \$4,320.00 |
| Feb. | 9 | \$5,610.00 |
| March | 7 | \$4,550.00 |
| April | 6 | \$3,000.00 |
| May | 10 | \$3,823.00 |
| June | 10 | \$2,722.50 |
| July | 5 | \$2,910.00 |
| Aug. | 4 | \$953.50 |
| Sept. | 1 | \$400.00 |
| Oct. | 0 | 0 |
| Nov. | 0 | 0 |
| Dec. | 0 | 0 |

Total

\$28,290.50

The total amount of cash deposited into Linda's Huntington bank account from 2013 to 2015; which is the time frame she had power of attorney over Helen, was \$65,470.20.



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Topic: Helen's Bank Records

Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135

Narrative Date/Time: 5/06/2016 12:31

Approved By:

Approval Date/Time:

On 5/30/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, received the banking records from Helen Cubic. The records were reviewed over the next several days. It should be noted that during April of 2014, Linda signed with Helen's banking statements as her power of attorney. At that time, suspicious activity started occurring with Helen's banking. A detailed report will be created;

From the banking records from mid 2014 and all of 2015, a total amount of withdrawals taken from Helen's bank account was \$60,494.00.

| 2014 | # of Withdrawals | Total Amount |
|------|------------------|--------------|
|------|------------------|--------------|

| | | |
|------------|--|--|
| March | | |
| 4 | | |
| \$1,110.00 | | |
| April | | |
| 6 | | |
| \$3,678.00 | | |

| | | |
|------------|--|--|
| June | | |
| 7 | | |
| \$1,588.50 | | |
| July | | |
| 3 | | |
| \$2,150.00 | | |
| August | | |
| 2 | | |
| \$620.00 | | |
| Sept. | | |
| 3 | | |
| \$1,950.00 | | |
| October | | |
| 4 | | |
| \$1,800.00 | | |
| Nov | | |
| 8 | | |
| \$2995.00 | | |
| Dec. | | |
| 4 | | |
| \$3,450.00 | | |

TOTAL
\$19,341.50



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2015 # of Withdrawals Total Amount

| | | |
|------------|--|--|
| Jan | | |
| 4 | | |
| \$2,125.00 | | |
| Feb. | | |
| 4 | | |
| \$2,620.00 | | |
| March | | |
| 6 | | |
| \$3,450.00 | | |
| April | | |
| 3 | | |
| \$1,650.00 | | |
| May | | |
| 4 | | |
| \$2,065.00 | | |
| June | | |
| 9 | | |
| \$2,040.00 | | |
| July | | |
| 12 | | |
| \$2,805.00 | | |
| August | | |
| 11 | | |
| \$3,126.00 | | |
| Sept. | | |
| 10 | | |
| \$860.00 | | |
| Oct. | | |
| 1 | | |
| \$100.00 | | |
| Nov. | | |
| 2 | | |
| \$220.00 | | |
| Dec. | | |
| 5 | | |
| \$750.00 | | |

Total
\$41,152.50

Total amount of funds taken from Helen's bank account was \$60,494.00.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement
Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135
Approved By:

Topic: Farmers Bank
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Due to information obtained by Cynthia, Painter was once an employee at Farmers Bank and Helen had cashed out savings bonds at Farmers.



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A subpoena was obtained and sent to Farmers Bank.

The information provided by Farmers advised they did not have any record of said bonds for Kubic. The letter was placed in the case file.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement

Topic: US Treasury

Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135

Narrative Date/Time: 5/25/2016 13:56

Approved By:

Approval Date/Time:

During the week of 5/16/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, contacted a technical analyst from the fraud department at the U.S. Treasury, Ronda Owens. Ronda advised to send her a letter on Police letterhead advising assistance on retrieving cashed savings bonds from Helen Kubic's name and information.

The letter was sent via email as Owens explained she would have a response within two weeks. .

5/27/16; Ronda Owens sent a secure e-mail with the cashed US savings bonds. In 2009 nine (9) savings bonds were cashed for a total of \$1,961.62. From 2012 to 2014 one-hundred and nine (109) savings bonds were cashed for \$100,702.57.

A detailed spread sheet will be created to show dates and amounts of the savings bonds;

12 Bonds cashed in 2012;
(1) on 5/10/12 for \$1,452.00
(3) on 7/8/12 for \$2,895.00
(8) on 7/12/12 for \$7,185.60

Total for 2012 is \$11,532.60.

4 bonds cashed in 2013;
(4) on 7/18/13 for \$4,016.00

Total for 2013 is \$4,016.00.

93 Bonds cashed in 2014;
(38) on 5/15/14 for \$29,793.72
(10) on 6/17/14 for \$7,552.00
(45) on 11/5/14 for \$46,969.40

Total for 2014 is \$84,315.12.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement

Topic: Linda's Second Interview

Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135

Narrative Date/Time: 5/25/2016 14:12

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On 5/25/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, met with Linda at Canfield PD for a second interview. Linda was brought into the interview room where she agreed to speak with me as I advised her of the non-custodial nature of the interview; free to leave at anytime, not under arrest, and no matter what she tells me, she will still be leaving Canfield PD today.

Linda confirmed her original statement and further explained that she did take coins from Helen's home, but later stated they were pennies. The pennies were taken to a coin shop in Boardman on Market Street near Eat and Park; possibly the Coin Shop. Linda also explained that she took jewelry to the pawn shop on Market Street near the 5500 building in Boardman.



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Linda also explained that she and Helen took the savings bonds to the Boardman Chase Bank on 224 where the bonds were cashed. Linda admitted to withdrawing money from Helen's account, taking cash from the savings bonds, and also depositing some of the cash into her own Huntington bank account to pay bills.

Helen also explained that she is living with a Carol Kent in Boardman, an use to take care of a Libby Fill who is currently living at the Hampton Woods in Beaver Township.

Donald Howells, who is the step-brother of Linda is living on Roy Street off of Vestal Road in Youngstown, and is in a wheelchair. According to Linda, her two associates never had any type of involvement with her stealing any money or coins from Helen.

Linda also admitted to using her own vehicle as she would drive Helen to cash the savings bonds and withdraw funds from her account. Linda does have a life insurance policy for \$10,000.00 dollars as the beneficiary is an Angela Kearns from Canfield.

Narrative Type: Investigative Supplement

Topic: Ashley Chase Bank

Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135

Narrative Date/Time: 5/27/2016 11:45

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On 5/27/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, met with Ashley Salinsky Lucas, the private client banker at Chase bank in Canfield. Chase bank agreed to have Ashley interviewed as Tammy Genovese, the fraud investigator, was listening via a telephone conference call. At 11:00 hours I met with Ashley as she explained the following;

Ashley met Helen Kubic sometime in December of 2013 as she had a savings account, checking account, and a security box at the Canfield bank. Helen explained to Ashley that she was recovering from her being ill and her children were estranged as she believed that the children were stealing from her home. Helen would come into the bank and check her account balances and would sometimes withdrawal funds, but always in small amounts of cash. Ashley described Helen as always a "little confused".

Ashley then met Linda as she (Linda) explained that they were church friends and Linda was going to help Helen with her banking as she had experience with banking, being that she worked for Jim Trafficant as an aid. Linda also explained that she was the POA over Helen.

Linda would always come to the bank with Helen as they would visit Helen's security box. Linda would also cash personal checks from Helen as the checks were written out to Linda. Helen always talked highly of Linda and explained that she (Helen) was involved in a car accident. Helen also advised her doctor pulled her driver's license and she was not able to drive a car. Shortly after, Helen and Linda came into the bank and went to her safety deposit box. They then went to the bank counter and cashed out a large amount of savings bonds, approximately twenty to thirty thousand dollars.

Ashley immediately was concerned for Helen as she tried to explain that cashing that amount of savings bonds was not a good idea. Helen then explained that she was purchasing a new car and needed the funds. Ashley wanted to get a bank loan for Helen as she explained that Linda was her friend and they wanted to cash out the bonds. Ashley then called the "bank office" as she later explained that is corporate security to try and stop the bonds from being cashed as she felt Helen was being taken advantage by Linda. Ashley gave the information to the security office however, the bank had already processed the bonds being cashed.

Ashley explained that the two would continue to come into the bank and visit the safety deposit box and also continue to withdrawal money from Helen's account.

After a while, Helen then came into the bank herself and would even walk to the bank by herself in poor weather conditions just to check bank balances. Helen explained to Ashley that Helen was no longer her friend as Linda has not returned to the bank.



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Topic: Additional Gold / Coin Shops
Narrative Date/Time: 6/03/2016 08:07
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On 6/2/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, met with Eddie Maughan, Jr., the employee at Boardman Coin on Market Street. Maughan was shown a picture of Linda and was asked if she had sold any items to him over the past few years. Maughan then responded to the following:

Maughan knew Linda for approximately fifteen to twenty years from her church. Maughan admitted that she has been into the coin shop and also brought another older female with her at times however, he could not remember her name. According to Maughan, Linda always had small pieces of jewelry that were never worth any value.

Maughan advised he would have his sales slips pulled to check Linda's name as a seller and would contact me with the results.

I then went to First Choice Coin and Jewelry on Market Street in Boardman. The employees advised that Linda's picture did not look familiar as they too would pull their old sales slips. The owner advised she would contact me with the results.

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Narrative Officer: McGivern, Brian 135
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Topic: Case Review
Narrative Date/Time: 6/03/2016 14:29
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On 6/3/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, reviewed the case facts with Prosecutor Nick Modarelli and Prosecutor Mike McBride. Modarelli authorized an arrest warrant for Linda through County Court #5 instead of doing a direct presentment to the Mahoning County Grand Jury.

McBride was briefed on the following case facts;

Due to Helen's mental health conditions and her constant fear of people stealing from her, she (Helen) became estranged from her children after they moved her into her Canfield Condo, and cleaned out her home as she was a hoarder.

Helen becomes friends with Linda while at church and Linda agrees to help Helen with her financial's as she has had experience with book keeping.

Linda is signed over POA over Helen on 10/7/2013. The following month in November of 2013 a \$12,973.00 deposit is made into Linda's Huntington bank account revealed from the time she took over POA, a total of \$65,470.20 was deposited into Linda's account.

Helen's bank account also revealed withdrawals from 2014 and 2015 totaling \$60,494.00.

Helen's US savings bonds were also cashed and in 2014 a total of 93 bonds being cashed totaled \$84,315.12.

Linda confessed in two separate interviews to stealing money from Helen due to a gambling addiction, using Helen's mental health condition in order to steal the funds, and cash the savings bonds. Linda also admitted to stealing jewelry from Helen in which pawn shop receipts were obtained.

After the bonds were cashed, Helen owed taxes on the income from the bonds at which time funds were then taken from Helen's annuity to pay for the due taxes.

Due to the circumstances surrounding the case facts and the amount of money being taken, and the fact that Linda confessed to stealing money and items from Helen, McBride authorized a one count Theft charge for the total amount of \$154,000.00, and due to Helen being elder with [REDACTED] the enhancement under the Ohio Revised Code section 2913.02 (B)(3) is a Felony-1. #7



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Topic: Arrest Warrant
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On 6/7/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, obtained an arrest warrant for Linda for one count of Theft. Said warrant was filed at County Court #5.

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Topic: Arrest
Narrative Date/Time: 6/07/2016 11:41
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On 6/7/16 I, Detective Brian McGivern, had Linda report to the Canfield Police Department at 10:00 hours. Linda arrived and was taken into custody where she was secured in the booking room. Linda was searched by dispatcher Liller and was then processed.

Linda was fingerprinted, photographed, and swabbed for DNA. Linda was also served her copy of the F-1 Theft charge and was transported to Mahoning County Justice Center by Officer Mark Meshula.

Linda was given a court date of today (6/7/16) at 17:00 hours.
