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RE: FDLE File EI-11-0073

Dear Ms. Stillman:

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Office of Executive Investigations (OEI) recently completed a criminal investigation regarding allegations that former Brevard County Commissioner Bryan Lober committed criminal offenses while in office. On May 20, 2024, a copy of FDLE's Investigative Summary was presented to Stacey Salmons, Chief Assistant State Attorney for the 18th Judicial Circuit Office of the State Attorney for review and consideration. On July 3, 2024, FDLE received a closeout letter from Chief Salmons, declining prosecution in the matter and outlining the terms and conditions of the declination. In view of Chief Salmons' declination to prosecute, Lober's actions may be more appropriately addressed by the Florida Commission on Ethics. A copy of FDLE's Investigative Summary and supporting documents is provided for your review and consideration. Please contact me if you desire any further information in the matter.

Sincerely,

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RE: FDLE Case Number EI-11-0077
SA Case Number 1724SA07573

Dear Special Agent Supervisor Hubbard:

On May 20, 2024, the Office of the State Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit received the materials you submitted regarding allegations that former Brevard County Commissioner Bryan Lober committed criminal offenses while in office, to wit: Grand Theft (F3, Fla. Stat. s. 812.014(2)(c)), Scheme to Defraud (F3, Fla. Stat. s. 817.034(4)(a)3), and Fraudulent Claim of [Tax] Exemption (F3, Fla. Stat. s. 212.085). We have reviewed the materials submitted to our Office and determined that we are unable to file charges in this matter. We now write to memorialize our findings.

Factual Background:

In 2018, Bryan Lober was elected to represent the constituents of District 2 of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners (BCC). In February, 2022, he and his fellow Commissioners were the subject of two public records requests which sought information regarding Commission District spending. On February 22, 2022, the BCC voted to request that the Brevard County Clerk of the Court and Comptroller (Comptroller) conduct an audit of each Commission District's use of county purchasing cards. That audit commenced immediately and resulted in numerous interviews being conducted with BCC and Brevard County staff, inventories of county property maintained at various locations, and a review of financial documents associated with District purchases. As the audit was pending, Mr. Lober resigned, effective April 1, 2022.

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In November, 2022, the Comptroller contacted FDLE, which subsequently initiated a criminal investigation into allegations that Mr. Lober had used county funds to purchase personal items, failed to return county property after his resignation, and illegally used the County's tax-exempt certificate to avoid paying sales tax on personal purchases. The FDLE completed their investigation and submitted it to this office on May 20, 2024.

The FDLE investigation revealed that while in office, Mr. Lober's District Office purchased tens of thousands of dollars' worth of items which the Comptroller believes were for illegitimate purposes and unnecessary for District 2's operation. The questioned items were recited on a spreadsheet that was included in your investigation. We note that none of those items bear an obvious indication that they were for personal use. Rather, the vast majority of the items are of a nature that were arguably necessary for a business office's functioning[1] or are technologically related.[2]

Some of the purchased items and a single donation for a constituent's funeral appeared unusual, but your investigation revealed the following critical points of fact:

- None of the county's policies or administrative orders regarding the use of county purchase cards applied to County Commissioners;
- No guidance was provided to County Commissioners regarding the propriety of their District offices' spending via purchasing cards;
- When the nature of District 2's spending was brought to the attention of the Assistant Director of Brevard County's Finance Department and the County Manager, they did not see any issues that raised concerns due to the restrictions on the scope of their review;
- The BCC specifically authorized Mr. Lober to spend $60,000 of federal CARES Act money on "staff and/or government and/or non-profit tangible goods and/or services" to allow for the use of CARES Act funds to purchase items not only for staff but for governmental entities and non-profits;
- No guidance was provided to Mr. Lober regarding whether the CARES Act money could be spent via county purchase card; and
- Mr. Lober routinely gave items to Brevard County's IT department when he no longer had use of them, many of which were not inventoried or memorialized when returned to the county.

[1] To wit: shipping labels, envelopes, printer paper, monitor wipes, postage, tape, boxes, call log books, presentation binding device, hand sanitizer, signature stamp, disposable gloves, pens, Post-It Notes, cardstock, an office chair, and chair wheels.

[2] To wit: bracket(s), monitor(s), monitor arm(s), fasteners, power station(s), computer console(s), camera(s), speaker(s), graphics board(s), keyboard(s), a green screen, power cord(s), cable(s), phone mount(s), computer case(s), label printer, digital storage device(s), video editing software, network switch(es), adaptor(s), digital display(s), Wi-Fi access points, router, surveillance camera(s), batteries, tripod(s), scanner, and GPS communication devices ("Bivy" sticks).

Grand Theft (F3, Fla. Stat. s. 812.014(1), (2)(c)):

(1) A person commits theft if he or she knowingly obtains or uses, or endeavors to obtain or use, the property of another with intent to, either temporarily or permanently:
(a) Deprive the other person of a right to the property or a benefit from the property.[. . .]
(2) (c) It is a grand theft of the third degree and a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the property stolen is:
1. Valued at $750 or more, but less than $5,000.
2. Valued at $5,000 or more, but less than $10,000.
3. Valued at $10,000 or more, but less than $20,000.

Your investigation revealed that of the over $40,000 worth of items that were purchased by the District 2 office via purchase cards which were scrutinized, approximately $10,000 of those items were never accounted for during the Comptroller's audit inventories. Theoretically, an individual's failure to return property belonging to another could constitute the crime of Grand Theft if all of the elements of the offense are otherwise met. As it relates to your investigation, however, there is insufficient evidence to charge Mr. Lober with such an offense for several reasons.

First, multiple individuals worked in and had access to the District 2 office during the time the items at issue were received, and all of those individuals would have had access to the items that were not accounted for during the Comptroller's inventories. While I am in no way impugning the reputations of those individuals, or implying that they took the items that remain unaccounted for, that is certainly a viable defense to such a charge and one that the State cannot successfully refute.

Second, the list of items the Comptroller was unable to find during her audit inventories includes many consumable goods, the return of which would not be expected or practicable given their nature. Examples include batteries, postage, labels, tape, pens, gloves, permanent markers, boxes, envelopes, Post-It Flags, monitor wipes, and screws. It is a defense to the crime of theft (predicated upon a person's failure to return another's property) that the property was consumed and, therefore, no longer exists. Such a defense cannot be overcome as it relates to the consumable goods that were not accounted for during the Comptroller's audit inventories.

Third, many of the items the Comptroller was unable to account for were of a nature that they would have lost their value and utility due to the passage of time since their purchase. An item that is lawfully and legally purchased and then used for months or years thereafter, loses its value.[3] Technological items financially depreciate due to evolving obsolescence. Under the theory that a theft occurred at the time certain property was not returned, it is the value and usefulness of the property at the time it is demanded and not returned that controls, not the value of the property at the time it was initially, legitimately acquired.

[3] Case in point: the $31.40 set of wheels purchased on July 5, 2021, for the tangerine-colored office chair that Mr. Lober purchased and then later replaced, the complete, new value of which was given to the county upon Mr. Lober's resignation.

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Fourth, the viability of this charge depends upon the State's ability to prove that the items which were not accounted for during the Comptroller's audit inventories were actually not returned to the county. It is clear from both the Comptroller's audit and your investigation that Mr. Lober donated numerous items to the county's IT department (including the GPS communication devices, or "Bivy sticks" that Mr. Lober purchased and tested while out of the state), many of which were never inventoried. It is completely plausible, therefore, that items deemed unrecovered following the Comptroller's audit inventories were actually given back to the county.

Fifth, on August 3, 2021, Mr. Lober was specifically given authority by the BCC to spend $60,000 worth of federal CARES Act money on "staff and/or government and/or non-profit tangible goods and/or services" to allow for the use of CARES Act funds to purchase items not only for staff but for governmental entities and non-profits (August 3, 2021, BCC Meeting).[4] There is no indication that Mr. Lober was informed that CARES Act purchases had to be made in a specific manner (e.g., via purchasing order and not with the county's purchasing card). It is completely plausible, therefore, that every District 2 purchase that was made after August 3, 2021, was done with the intent that CARES Act monies would be used, not county money. Given the broad scope of purchases the county authorized Mr. Lober to make using CARES Act money, we find that every purchase made after August 3, 2021, would constitute "staff and/or government and/or non-profit tangible goods and/or services" and that they would not constitute a taking pursuant to Florida's theft statute.

Sixth, your investigation determined that some identifiable items were actually donated to at least one non-profit organization. Given the broad authority that the BCC gave Mr. Lober in spending the $60,000 of CARES Act funds, which includes his ability to make purchases for non-profit organizations, there remains a reasonable question as to whether the other items not accounted for during the Comptroller's inventories were donated to non-profit organizations.

Seventh, it is clear that the Comptroller and others in county government questioned the professional use of some of the items Mr. Lober purchased using county purchasing cards while in office. One could, theoretically, view such purchases as a theft of county funds. The issue with this alternative theory, however, is that even amongst members of county administration, there is a difference of opinion as to whether Mr. Lober's purchase card spending was inappropriate. The purchasing policies of the county were such that questions about Commissioner spending appeared to be unlimited unless it was for obvious, prohibited items. None of the purchases identified by the Comptroller or your investigation are of an obvious personal nature. It could be argued that they were all for the professional operation of the District 2 office or technological purchases. What one individual may review in hindsight as a questionable purchase, a grand theft charge does not make.

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[4] We note that "staff and/or government and/or non-profit tangible goods and/or services" would include the Amazon Prime Business membership that Mr. Lober purchased in December, 2021, a service which was used to facilitate qualifying purchases pursuant to the BCC's directive regarding Mr. Lober's CARES Act expenditures.

Scheme to Defraud (F3, Fla. Stat. s. 817.034(4)(a)3):

(4) Offenses. –
(a) Any person who engages in a scheme to defraud and obtains property thereby is guilty of organized fraud, punishable as follows: [. . .]
3. If the amount of property obtained has an aggregate value of less than $20,000, the violator is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

"'Scheme to defraud' means a systematic, ongoing course of conduct with intent to defraud one or more persons, or with the intent to obtain property from one or more persons by false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises or willful misrepresentations of a future act." Fla. Stat. s. 817.034(3)(d)

Whether an individual has committed the crime of Scheme to Defraud turns on whether the individual intended to defraud another person or obtained property from another person by some sort of deceptive practice. There is insufficient evidence to prove that Mr. Lober acted with such intent, especially when it is clear that the BCC gave wide berth to its Commissioners to spend county money and federal CARES Act funds, with very little restrictions.

It is clear that Mr. Lober took advantage of the county's lack of oversight regarding his District's spending. The BCC gave him the authority, permission, and means by which he could make each and every purchase that was later questioned by the Comptroller during her audit. As further evidence regarding this point, when Mr. Lober's purchases were first brought to the attention of county administration, multiple individuals took no issue with his spending due to the restrictive scope of their inquiry.

Therefore, there is insufficient evidence to prove that Mr. Lober defrauded the BCC or the county when he made the purchases under review, or that he engaged in deceptive practices to obtain the property at issue for the same reasons as detailed previously. Mr. Lober was given the legal authority to make the scrutinized purchases; he was given the means by which the purchases could be made; and members of county government took no issue with his expenditures when they were questioned. While Mr. Lober's spending practices may very well be viewed in hindsight as improper by some, there is insufficient evidence to prove that they were illegal.

Fraudulent Claim of [Tax] Exemption (F3, Fla. Stat. s. 212.085):

"When any person shall fraudulently, for the purpose of evading tax, issue to a vendor or to any agent of the state a certificate or statement in writing in which he or she claims exemption from sales tax, such person, in addition to being liable for payment of the tax plus a mandatory penalty of 200 percent of the tax, shall be liable for fine and punishment as provided by law for a conviction of a felony of the third degree, as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084."

On March 20, 2021, Commissioner Lober emailed Rockler Companies, Inc. regarding a purchase he was placing on said date. He explained in his email that he intended to use the county's tax-exempt certificate during the transaction, thus eliminating $124.48 worth of sales tax. Mr. Lober explained in his email that he intended to use his preexisting account to make both personal and professional purchases, and to ensure that the tax-exempt certificate was used on the applicable transactions, he would indicate so in the memo or comments section of said future, business orders. Mr. Lober attached the county's tax-exempt certificate to his March 20, 2021, email and that purchase was processed without sales tax being assessed.

Your investigation revealed that Mr. Lober did not use a county purchasing card or a purchase order to complete this transaction. Rather, Mr. Lober personally paid for the purchase. The March 20, 2021, purchase also appeared on Mr. Lober's campaign finance documents related to his re-election bid for County Commissioner, further indicating that said purchase was not for county purposes.

We agree that there is probable cause to believe that Mr. Lober committed a third-degree felony offense when he offered the county's tax-exempt certificate to Rockler Companies on March 20, 2021, for the purpose of evading sales tax. Unfortunately, our office is unable to file that charge, because as with all third-degree felonies, the government had three (3) years from the offense date (March 20, 2021) within which to bring such a charge. (Florida's Statute of Limitations, Fla. Stat. s. 775.15(1)(b)). While there is a provision that will extend the government's ability to file charges against a public officer for crimes committed while in office, that two-year extension begins to run when the official leaves office, which in Mr. Lober's case, was April 1, 2022. (Fla. Stat. s. 775.15(12)(b)). Under both statute of limitations analyses, the proscribed time within which the government could have brought this charge has passed and we are, therefore, unable to charge Mr. Lober with this crime.

I note that there were two additional purchases that were processed by Rockler Companies using the county's tax-exempt certificate. They were on July 25, 2021, and July 27, 2021, in which a total of $10.29 worth of sales tax was avoided. Since the crime under review occurs when the tax-exempt certificate is offered or a statement is made claiming exemption from sales tax, it is necessary to determine if Mr. Lober actually indicated to Rockler Companies that these two, additional purchases were tax exempt, as he did for the March 20, 2021 purchase.

The documents provided by Rockler Companies do not show that Mr. Lober requested that these two additional purchases be processed using the tax-exempt certificate, and there is no evidence that he provided the tax-exempt certificate again as part of those two purchases. The State is, therefore, unable to prove that Mr. Lober offered the tax-exempt certificate or made a statement in writing claiming exemption from sales tax during these two additional purchases. As a result, the State cannot file charges against Mr. Lober for Fraudulent Claim of [Tax] Exemption during either of these additional transactions.

Conclusion

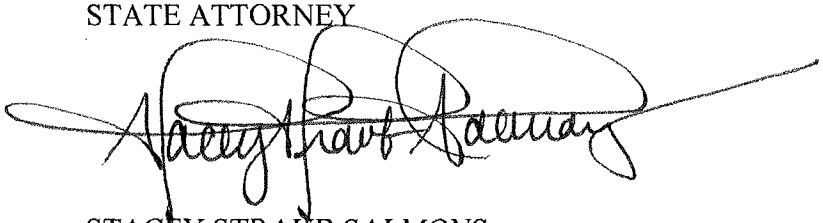
In conclusion, we have determined that although there is probable cause to believe that Bryan Lober committed the third-degree felony offense of Fraudulent Claim of [Tax] Exemption for the March 20, 2021, personal purchase from Rockler Companies, the statute of limitations for prosecuting him for said offense has expired and no further action is warranted.

We have also determined that there is insufficient evidence to prove that Bryan Lober's purchasing activity while a Commissioner for District 2 of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners constitutes a crime.

We thank you for the time and effort your agency spent compiling the materials provided for our Office's review.

Sincerely,

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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.

SECTION I SUMMARY OF INITIAL INVESTIGATION

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, [redacted], 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.

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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	[redacted] 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, [redacted], 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.

SECTION II INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

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.

SECTION III STATE ATTORNEY

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
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Located Items Chart

Appendix A

Cardholder	Purchase Date	Vendor	Item Purchased/Refunded	Amount	Notes
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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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	

Cardholder	Purchase Date	Vendor	Item Purchased	Amount	Notes
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	

Missing Items

Appendix B

Cardholder	Purchase Date	Vendor	Item Purchased	Amount	Notes
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 unacounted 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	