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Media Release

From: Michael Terry
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Re: Brooksville Supply Company Manager Arrested on Grand Theft and Organized
Fraud Charges – 2024-00152470

Date: July 5, 2024

On 05-08-2024, the owner of a local septic company contacted the Hernando County Sheriff's Office to report that the manager of a Brooksville-based supply company was committing grand theft and fraud.

The victim advised deputies he was informed by the owner of another septic company that **Michael Allen Johnson DOB/11-23-1985**, a manager at Coast Pump and Water Technologies, was ordering extra materials and then charging his clients for materials they never received.

The victim advised after reviewing his past invoices from the company he located numerous overcharges. The victim further advised the owner of the other septic company, who was also victimized, recently confronted Johnson about the overcharges, to which he was told by Johnson, "I must have fat fingers."

The two septic companies, who were victimized by Johnson, reported initial financial losses of \$2,270 and \$3,660 respectively. Both companies anticipate finding additional discrepancies as they continue their review of past invoices.

On July 3, a search warrant was executed at Coast Pump and Water Technologies, located at 13341 Chambord Street in Brooksville, where Johnson was arrested at the scene.

Post Miranda, Johnson admitted to investigators he purposely overcharged and under delivered materials to make up for a shortage of product at their storage facility.

Detectives noted Johnson during questioning repeatedly changed his account of how overcharges occurred and how they were billed.

Johnson was charged with one count of **Grand Theft** and one count of **Organized Fraud**. Johnson was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where his bond was set at \$5,000.

The case remains active and additional charges are pending further investigation.

****** If you or your company believe you have been a victim of this individual or this business entity, please call the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830. ******

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