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Media Release

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Re: Clewiston Man Charged with Uttering a Forged Check at Spring Hill Bank –
2025-00171924

Date: April 3, 2025

On 04-02-2025 at approximately 11:34 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Cadence Bank located at 14211 Powell Road in reference to a subject attempting to cash a fraudulent check.

The bank teller was able to contact the owner of the checking account, who lives in Georgia. The account owner advised that it was a new checking account and had yet to receive any checks in the mail.

Upon arriving at the bank, deputies immediately took **Javier Martinez DOB/03-11-1971** into custody.

Upon further investigation, the bank determined additional fraudulent checks from the victim's account were cashed or attempted to be cashed at other bank branches in other counties. These checks were cashed by unknown suspects other than Martinez.

Additional investigation revealed that Martinez was dropped off near the bank by an unknown suspect he knows as "Juan's girlfriend" from Clewiston. Martinez told detectives the female was driving a white Toyota sedan. Martinez further advised that by attempting to cash the check, he felt he was doing something "shady and wrong."

Martinez said he was to be paid a percentage of the check in exchange for cashing the check.

Martinez was arrested on one count of **Uttering a Forged Check**. He was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center, where he is being held in lieu of a \$2,500 bond.

Additional arrests are pending further investigation.



Javier Martinez

Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips

If you have information on this case, please contact Hernando County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous!

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You may also submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> .

You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 cash!