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**\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\***

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
April 19, 2021

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### Adams County Alleged Scam Artist Arrested

Adams County District Attorney Brian Sinnett announced today that the Conewago Township Police Department has filed charges against an alleged local scam artist who is accused of stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars primarily from residents of Adams County.

Specifically, Michael Hertz, formerly of Conewago Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, was arrested for allegedly stealing in excess of \$300,000.00 from over thirty victims, most of whom Hertz personally knew. Hertz allegedly used a variety of different schemes to deceive victims into providing him money under false pretenses, and also in some instances allegedly obtained access directly to victims' bank accounts and directly transferred funds to his personal bank account without prior authorization. (The criminal complaint and affidavit of probable cause is attached to this press release.)

Hertz was arrested on Friday, April 16, 2021, and is currently housed in the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex on \$100,000.00 bail. His preliminary hearing is currently set for April 28, 2021.

Sinnett thanked the Conewago Township Police Department, and in particular Officer Cory Ammerman who filed these charges and led the investigation, for their continued excellent and diligent efforts in this endeavor. The prosecution of these cases will be handled by Assistant District Attorney Robert A. Bain II.

If you believe that Michael W. Hertz has defrauded you, please contact the Conewago Township Police Department.

No date for a preliminary hearing has been set. As with all criminal cases, Hertz is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
 COUNTY OF ADAMS  
 Magisterial District Number: 51-3-02  
 DANIEL BOWMAN  
 MDJ: Hon. 45D W HANOVER ST  
 BONNEAUVILLE, PA 17325  
 Address:  
 Telephone: 7173347810



**POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**VS.**

DEFENDANT: (NAME and ADDRESS):  
**MICHAEL WILLIAM HERTZ**  
 First Name Middle Name Last Name Gen  
**NFA PA**

NCIC Extradition Code Type

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-Felony Full	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-Felony Pend.	<input type="checkbox"/> C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States	<input type="checkbox"/> Distance:
<input type="checkbox"/> 2-Felony Ltd.	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-Felony Pend. Extradition Determ.	<input type="checkbox"/> D-Misdemeanor No Extradition	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-Felony Surrounding States	<input type="checkbox"/> A-Misdemeanor Full	<input type="checkbox"/> E-Misdemeanor Pending	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-Felony No Ext	<input type="checkbox"/> B-Misdemeanor Limited	<input type="checkbox"/> F-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition Determ.	

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Docket Number	Date Filed	OTN/LiveScan Number	Complaint/Incident Number CT-21-00297-1727	Request Lab Services? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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GENDER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	DOB 12/20/1993	POB	Add'l DOB	Co-Defendant(s) <input type="checkbox"/>
AKA	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Gen.

RACE  White  Asian  Black  Native American  Unknown

ETHNICITY  Hispanic  Non-Hispanic  Unknown

HAIR COLOR

<input type="checkbox"/> GRY (Gray)	<input type="checkbox"/> RED (Red/Aubn.)	<input type="checkbox"/> SDY (Sandy)	<input type="checkbox"/> BLU (Blue)	<input type="checkbox"/> PLE (Purple)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BRO (Brown)
<input type="checkbox"/> BLK (Black)	<input type="checkbox"/> ONG (Orange)	<input type="checkbox"/> WHI (White)	<input type="checkbox"/> XXX (Unk/Bald)	<input type="checkbox"/> GRN (Green)	<input type="checkbox"/> PNK (Pink)
<input type="checkbox"/> BLN (Blonde / Strawberry)					

EYE COLOR

<input type="checkbox"/> BLK (Black)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLU (Blue)	<input type="checkbox"/> BRO (Brown)	<input type="checkbox"/> GRN (Green)	<input type="checkbox"/> GRY (Gray)
<input type="checkbox"/> HAZ (Hazel)	<input type="checkbox"/> MAR (Maroon)	<input type="checkbox"/> PNK (Pink)	<input type="checkbox"/> MUL (Multicolored)	<input type="checkbox"/> XXX (Unknown)

DNA  YES  NO DNA Location WEIGHT (lbs.)

FBI Number MNU Number 180

Defendant Fingerprinted:  YES  NO Ft. HEIGHT In.

Fingerprint Classification: 6 0

DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION

Plate #	State	Hazmat <input type="checkbox"/>	Registration Sticker (MM/YY)	Comm'l Veh. Ind. <input type="checkbox"/>	School Veh. <input type="checkbox"/>	Oth. NCIC Veh. Code	Reg. same as Def. <input type="checkbox"/>
VIN	Year	Make	Model	Style	Color		

Office of the attorney for the Commonwealth  Approved  Disapproved Because: \_\_\_\_\_

(The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth Prior to filing. See Pa.R.Crim.P. 507).

(Name of the attorney for the Commonwealth) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of the attorney for the Commonwealth) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

I, **CORY M AMMERMAN** 303188 15  
 (Name of the Affiant) PSP/MPOETC -Assigned Affiant ID Number and Badge #  
 of **CONEWAGO TWP POLICE** PA0010300  
 (Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision) (Police Agency ORI Number)  
 do hereby state: (check appropriate box)

1.  I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above  
 I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as \_\_\_\_\_

I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname are unknown to me and whom I have therefore designated as John Doe or Jane Doe  
 with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at [203] Conewago Township  
 (Subdivision Code) (Place-Political Subdivision)  
**601 MAPLE AVE HANOVER, PA 17331**

in **ADAMS** County [ **01** ] on or about **Between 12/01/2018 1200 and 03/31/2021 1200**  
 (County Code) (Offense Date)



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- I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the defendant be required to answer the charges I have made.
- I verify that the facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of Section 4904 of the Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S. § 4904) relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.
- This complaint consists of the preceding page(s) numbered 1 through 19.
- I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

The acts committed by the accused, as listed and hereafter, were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and were contrary to the Act(s) of the Assembly, or in violation of the statutes cited.

**(Before a warrant of arrest can be issued, an affidavit of probable cause must be completed, sworn to before the issuing authority, and attached.)**

CORY M AMMERMAN

\_\_\_\_\_

16 APRIL 2021

(Date)

(Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, on this date \_\_\_\_\_ I certify that the complaint has been properly completed and verified.

An affidavit of probable cause must be completed before a warrant can be issued.

51-3-02

(Magisterial District Court Number)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Issuing Authority)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older _____
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Offense #	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Code	UCR/NIBRS Code		

PennDOT Data (if Applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

**Deal In Proc Unl Act/Intent To Promote**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**In that, the defendant did unlawfully conduct financial transactions with the knowledge that the property involved, including stolen or illegally obtained property, represents the proceeds of unlawful activity, the person acts with the intent to promote the carrying on of the unlawful activity.**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	2	3922	A1	of the	18	1	F2		
Offense #	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Code	UCR/NIBRS Code		

PennDOT Data (if Applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

**Theft By Decep-False Impression**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**In that, the defendant did unlawfully intentionally obtain or withhold property of another by deception by creating or reinforcing a false impression, including false impressions as to law, value, intention or other state of mind.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	3	3925	A	of the	18	1	F2		
Offense #	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Code	UCR/NIBRS Code		

PennDOT Data (if Applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

**Receiving Stolen Property**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**In that, the defendant did unlawfully intentionally receive, retain, or dispose of movable property of another knowing that it had been stolen, or believing that it has probably been stolen.**



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PennDOT Data (if Applicable)	Accident Number		<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

**Identity Theft**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**In that, the defendant did unlawfully possess or use, through any means, identifying information of another person without the consent of that other person to further any unlawful purpose. To wit: Transactions greater than \$2000.00.**

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PennDOT Data (if Applicable)	Accident Number		<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

**Unlaw. Use of Computer - Access to Disrupt Funct.**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**In that, the defendant accessed or exceeded authorization to access, altered, damaged or destroyed a computer, computer system, computer network, computer software, computer program, computer database, World Wide Web site or telecommunication device or any part thereof, with the intent to interrupt the normal functioning of a person or to devise or execute any scheme or artifice to defraud or deceive or control property or services by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations or promises, in violation of Section 7611(a)(1) of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. -7611(a)(1), as amended.**



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PennDOT Data (if Applicable)	Accident Number		<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

**Computer Trespass - Transfer Funds**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**In that, the defendant did unlawfully knowingly and without authority or in excess of given authority use a computer or computer network with the intent to effect the creation or alteration of a financial instrument or of an electronic transfer of funds.**

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older _____
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PennDOT Data (if Applicable)	Accident Number		<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

**Criminal Use Of Communication Facility**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**The defendant did unlawfully use a communication facility to commit, cause, or facilitate the commission or the attempted commission of a crime constituting a felony under Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, or a felony under the Controlled Substance Drug Device and Cosmetic Act in violation of Section 7512 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa. C. S.- 7512, as amended.**



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PennDOT Data (if Applicable)	Accident Number				<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone		

Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

**Access Device Issd to Another Who Did Not Auth Use**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**The defendant did unlawfully use an access device to obtain or in an attempt to obtain property or services with knowledge that the access device was issued to another person who has not authorized its use.**

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older _____					
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PennDOT Data (if Applicable)	Accident Number				<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone		

Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

**Falsely Pretends to Hold Notary Public Office or Hold a Prof**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**In that, the defendant did unlawfully falsely pretend to hold a professional or occupational license issued by a licensing board and perform any action in furtherance of this false pretense.**

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older _____					
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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

**Bad Checks**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**In that, the defendant did unlawfully issue or pass a check or similiar sight order for the payment of money, knowing that it will not be honored by te drawee. To wit: Checks greater than \$1000.00 but less than \$75,000.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older _____					
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Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**In that, the defendant did unlawfully issue or pass a check or similiar sight order for the payment of money, knowing that it will not be honored by te drawee. To wit: Checks greater than \$200.00 but less than \$500.00.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older _____					
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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):

**Posses Access Device Knowing Counterfeit, Altered**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**In that the defendant did unlawfully possess an access device knowing that it is counterfeit, altered, incomplete or belongs to another person who has not authorized its possession.**





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PennDOT Data (if Applicable)	Accident Number				<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone		<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone	

Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):  
**Theft By Fail To Make Req Disp Funds**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**The defendant did unlawfully obtain property upon agreement, or subject to a known legal obligation, to make specified payments or other disposition, whether from such property or its proceeds or from his own property to be reserved in equivalent amount, intentionally deals with the property obtained as his own and fails to make the required payment or disposition.**

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older _____					
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	4101	A1	of the	18	1	F2		
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Statute Description (Include the name of the statute or ordinance):  
**Forgery - Alter Writing**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**The defendant, with the intent to defraud or injure or with knowledge that said actor was facilitating a fraud or injury upon another, altered a writing, of multiple victims, who did not authorize the alteration, and the writing was or purported to be part of an issue of money, securities, postage or revenue stamps, or other instruments issued by the government, or part of an issue of stock, bonds or other instruments representing interests in or claims against any property or enterprise, in violation of Section 4101(a)(1)&(c) of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa. C.S. -4101(a)(1)&(c), as amended.**



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### AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On 01 February 2021 at approximately 11:25 hours, Adams County Control dispatched this affiant to the residence of 601 Maple Avenue which is located in Conewago Township, Adams County, to meet with an Austin James Johnson in reference to a fraudulent act involving a bad check.

Upon arrival, I was met by Johnson who advised that he had received a check from a Michael W. Hertz in the amount of \$7500 dollars. Johnson advised that he had attempted to cash this check which the bank denied due to the account being closed at the time of issuance. I observed said check dated 23 January 2020, check number 1022, with the upper left hand corner of the check dictating that it belonged to Michael W. Hertz of 39 Knisely Drive, Hanover, PA 17331. The account number associated with this particular check was xxxxxx1209. Johnson advised that this check was for repayment for funds provided to Michael Hertz to retain a lawyer for a large lottery winning of \$3,000,000,000, whereas Hertz would then provide Johnson \$500,000 cash. Hertz provided an email to Johnson, stating that it was from Mooney Law Firm pertaining to the aforementioned cash promise. This email was sent from user name Michael Hertz, email foreman.thomaslaw@gmail.com. This affiant did contact Mooney Law Firm who advised that this email was not generated by their firm nor did the email address provided above match any of their attorneys. During an interview with Hertz, Hertz could not recall if he had generated this email himself. Johnson did provide a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items. During my conversation with Johnson, I was advised of multiple other victims who had been scammed by Michael Hertz through various means.

On 01 February 2021, Joshua Elias Luckenbaugh contacted your affiant regarding his interaction with Michael Hertz.

Joshua Luckenbaugh advised that between the dates of September 2020 and February 2021, he had been scammed out of approximately \$45,000 dollars from Michael Hertz. Luckenbaugh states that this started after attempting to purchase two bottles of absinthe from Hertz who did not send the product after payment. Luckenbaugh further states that Hertz convinced him to sell a laptop to a friend. After payment was received from the friend, Hertz did not provide the laptop. Hertz also did this same action with a PlayStation Five (PS5) game console. Luckenbaugh advises that he provided Hertz his Venmo password, after Hertz stated that he needed to help a friend with the Venmo system. Hertz then gained access to Luckenbaugh's Venmo account through this password and used Luckenbaugh's Venmo account to conduct transactions without Luckenbaugh's consent to include sending money to other victim's that Hertz had previously scammed money from. Luckenbaugh was able to identify 54 total transactions sent from his Venmo account that were not authorized by Luckenbaugh. I did observe these transactions and noted that 18 of the 54 transactions had an attached note that stated, "Mike" or "From Mike". Luckenbaugh states he sent Hertz multiple payments through Apple Pay and Venmo and Hertz repeatedly promised to send Luckenbaugh tangible goods for this money and/or pay Luckenbaugh back for the sums that he paid Hertz. All transactions that were sent to Hertz via Apple Pay, were sent to Hertz's cellular device number 717.688.4512. Luckenbaugh has not received repayment from Hertz in these matters. Joshua Luckenbaugh has provided a written statement to his interactions with Michael Hertz as well as documentation to include the Venmo transactions not authorized by Luckenbaugh.

On 01 February 2021, Jenna Smerdon contacted your affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.



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Your affiant was advised by Smerdon that she had also been scammed by Michael Hertz between the dates of December 2019 and February 2021. Smerdon provided a copy of a bad check provided by Hertz in the amount of \$3000.00 from M&T Bank ending in xxxxxx1209 which had been written on a closed account. I observed said check dated 30 November 2020, check number 1012, with the upper left hand corner of the check dictating that it belonged to Michael W. Hertz of 39 Knisely Drive, Hanover, PA 17331. Furthermore, I observed the lower right hand side of the check to have a signature reflecting that of a Michael Hertz. During a phone call interview with Smerdon, Smerdon advised that Hertz had asked for and been given money on multiple occasions under the promise of full repayment. Smerdon states that she was provided the aforementioned check for repayment on these items which subsequently was found to be a bad check. Furthermore, Hertz had provided her with a bank account and routing number in order to be repaid via Apple Pay. Smerdon attempted to use this account for repayment and found that the account was not viable. This caused Smerdon's account to have a negative balance. Smerdon advises that her checking account with USAA has been frozen due to this negative value. Smerdon did provide a text message log of her conversation with Hertz whereas he agreed that he owed Smerdon \$5100 dollars.

Smerdon states that she was scammed out of \$5100 by Michael Hertz. Smerdon has not received repayment from Hertz in these matters. Smerdon has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 01 February 2021, Tyler Christopher Trippett contacted your affiant regarding his interaction with Michael Hertz.

Your affiant contacted Trippett via phone. Trippett advises that he had been scammed by Michael Hertz for a total loss of \$23,597.68 between the dates of June 2020 and February 2021. All of these transactions were sent via Apple Pay with promises for repayment from Hertz. Trippett states that Hertz had a weight set for sale on Facebook market place for the cost of \$550. On 06/04/2020, Trippett sent Hertz the aforementioned amount for payment of the weight set. This weight set was never produced or provided to Trippett. Hertz convinced Trippett that this was due to an error using Apple Pay and continued to request money from Trippett. During this affiant's interview with Trippett, Trippett furthermore advised that he had received 18 transactions from Joshua Luckenbaugh totaling \$5666.03. Trippett advised that he has never met nor knows who Joshua Luckenbaugh is. Trippett further advised that he also received payments from a Kimberly Miller, who Trippett states he is also unfamiliar with. Trippett has not received repayment from Hertz in these matters. Tyler Trippett has provided a written statement and financial transactions to the aforementioned items.

On 01 February 2021, Aaron Patrick Yealy contacted your affiant regarding his interaction with Michael Hertz.

Yealy states that between the dates of December 2019 and January 2021, Michael Hertz had reached out to him on multiple occasions to borrow money with a promise of repayment. In this time period, Yealy was scammed out of \$19,200 by Michael Hertz. Yealy further states that in this time period, he received two checks from Hertz in the amounts of \$3000 and \$2500. Yealy advises that both checks were rejected by his financial institution and due to the checks "bouncing," his accounts were subject to penalty fees in the amount of the checks. Hertz furthermore provided Yealy with a Choice Bank account to repay all debts. This account was also found to have insufficient funds. Yealy has not received repayment in these matters. Yealy has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.



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On 01 February 2021, Kimberly Jo Miller contacted your affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Kimberly Miller states that between the dates of November 2020 and January 2021, Michael Hertz had been provided money with the intention of it being placed into the stock market. In this time period, Kimberly Miller was scammed out of \$15,585. Kimberly Miller states that she was unfamiliar with stocks and had handed Hertz her phone in order to facilitate the transfer of the money to the stock market. Kimberly Miller states that Hertz began moving large quantities of money through Venmo, PayPal, and CashApp. Payments were also made to Tyler Trippett and Josh Luckenbaugh from Kimberly Miller's accounts. Kimberly Miller further advises that she received a check from Michael Hertz in the amount of \$450 dollars from PNC bank ending in xxxxxx2061 which had been written on a closed account. I observed said check dated 25 January 2021, check number 143, with the upper left hand corner of the check dictating that it belonged to Michael W. Hertz of 39 Knisely Drive, Hanover, PA 17331. Furthermore, I observed the lower right hand side of the check to have a signature reflecting that of a Michael Hertz. During a forensic analysis of Michael Hertz's cellular device, which had been seized relative to search warrant C0-02-21 on 15 March 2021, this affiant did observe a promissory note within the notes section of Michael Hertz's phone with the beginning phrase: I, Payee Name ("Michael W Hertz"), accumulated a personal debt of \$14,511 from fraudulent activity. Promisor Name ("Kimberly Miller"). Kimberly Miller has not received repayment in these matters. Kimberly Miller has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 01 February 2021, Barbara Jill Miller contacted your affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Barbara Miller states that during the month of January 2021, Michael Hertz had been provided money for what Hertz stated was to fix a margin call, with the promise of repayment, so that he could sell stocks that he invested in and pay back Kimberly Miller for the funds owed to her. Barbara Miller advises that she was scammed out of \$3,465 by Michael Hertz. Barbary Miller has not received repayment in these matters. Barbara Miller has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 01 February 2021, Hayley Elese Boliek contacted your affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Boliek states that during the time period of December 2018 through November 2019, Michael Hertz had been provided money for assistance with finances with the promise of repayment. Hertz repeatedly made false claims as to the need for transactions through Venmo, CashApp and Zelle. Hertz furthermore accessed and withdrew various sums of money from Boliek's financial institution on 21 separate occasions without her consent. Boliek also provided this affiant with three checks written by Michael Hertz from the financial institutions of PNC Bank and Navy Federal Credit Union. I observed these checks to be Michael Hertz's contact information on the upper portion of the check and a signature reflecting that of Michael Hertz. The PNC checks were in the amounts of \$400 and \$9,133 and the Navy Federal Credit Union check was observed to be in the amount of \$500. These checks were found to be written on closed accounts. Boliek advises that she was scammed out of \$17,438.98 by Michael Hertz. Boliek has not received repayment in these matters. Boliek has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.



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On 06 March 2021, Rebecca Sue Urbanek contacted your affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Urbanek states that on 05 December 2020, Michael Hertz had been provided money through Facebook Marketplace for the purchase of a Playstation 5 gaming console. Urbanek advises that monies in the amount of \$550 dollars were sent to Hertz for the purpose of this transaction and for the console to be shipped to her location. Urbanek states that she called the post office and was advised that Hertz had bought a tracking number to be provided to Urbanek, but did not leave the device to be shipped. Urbanek has not received repayment in these matters. Urbanek has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 07 March 2021, Alicia Grace Lynn Reese contacted your affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Reese states that between the dates of May 2020 and June 2020, Michael Hertz had been provided money for various items with promise of repayment. Furthermore, Hertz stated that he worked for J.P. Morgan and was in the business of buying and selling stocks. Reese provided Hertz money for the purposes of investing in the stock market. Reese advises that she was scammed out of \$4,800 by Michael Hertz. Several of these transactions were through ApplePay. Reese has not received repayment in these matters. Reese has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 16 March 2021, Erin Elizabeth Messersmith contacted your affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Messersmith states that in the month of March 2021, Michael Hertz had been provided money for the purposes of being placed in the stock market. Messersmith states that Hertz advised that he was a day trader and worked for an individual by the name of Rashesh Kapoor. Messersmith advises that she was scammed out of \$ 5,783.03 by Michael Hertz. Messersmith furthermore advises that Hertz had her make payments to Cody Shoemaker and Rashesh Kapoor, who he identified as business partners and would handle the "taxes" associated with the stocks. Messersmith states that Hertz stated he would be sending her repayment on multiple occasions which never occurred. Hertz provided Messersmith with a routing and account number via phone to pay off the debt. Messersmith states that the payment was not completed due to insufficient funds. Messersmith states that these transactions occurred through ApplePay and Venmo. Messersmith has not received repayment in these matters. Messersmith has provide a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 16 March 2021, Grace Caroline Riedel contacted your affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Riedel states that between the months of December 2020 and January 2021, Michael Hertz had been provided money through cash, Venmo, PayPal and CashApp with promises of repayment. Riedel advises that she was scammed out of \$10,236 by Michael Hertz. Furthermore, Hertz accessed Riedel's phone, creating a CashApp account, sending money to himself, his father (Steven Hertz) and Joshua Luckenbaugh. Riedel also states that Hertz transferred money out of her Navy Federal bank account



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without her knowledge to an individual identified as Jeffery Lynch. During a search warrant conducted at the residence of Hertz, a notebook was found containing Riedel's credit card number, CVV code, expiration date and address. Riedel states that Hertz was observed in her purse upon returning from the restroom and this information was not provided to him. Riedel furthermore identified two western union transactions made on an M&T Bank account that she possessed and had not provided to Hertz. Riedel has not received repayment in these matters. Riedel has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 18 March 2021, Jeffrey Alexander Lynch contacted your affiant regarding his interaction with Michael Hertz.

Lynch states that between the months of September 2020 and March 2021, Michael Hertz had been provided money for the purchase of gym equipment. Lynch sent these payments through Venmo, ApplePay and PayPal to multiple individuals to include Hertz. Hertz requested multiple payments stating that the following applications were not working correctly. Lynch advises that he was scammed out of \$4000 by Michael Hertz. Lynch has not received repayment in these matters. Lynch has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 23 March 2021, Carrie Lynn Whitmore contacted your affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Whitmore states that between the months of January 2021 and March 2021, Michael Hertz had been provided money for the purposes of investing in the stock market. Whitmore states that multiple payments were sent via CashApp to Michael Hertz for this purpose. Furthermore Whitmore states that Hertz had her send money to Rashesh Kapoor to pay for "taxes" on these investments. Whitmore states that she was scammed out of \$2634 by Michael Hertz. Whitmore has not received repayment in these matters. Whitmore has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 23 March 2021, Julianne Elizabeth Keller contacted your affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Keller states that during the month of December 2020, Michael Hertz had been provided money for the purposes of investing in the stock market. Keller states that multiple payments were sent by means of cash and bank transfers to Michael Hertz for this purpose. Keller states that she was scammed out of \$995 by Michael Hertz. Keller has not received repayment in these matters. Keller has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 25 March 2021, Rachael Nicole Lurwick contacted your affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Lurwick states that during the months of February 2021 through March of 2021, Michael Hertz had been provided money for the purposes of investing in the stock market. Lurwick states that Hertz advised his profession day trading stocks and pressured Lurwick into a financial investment. Lurwick states that she sent money via ApplePay for this investment. Lurwick also states that Hertz requested a credit card number to pay "final fees" associated with the stocks. Lurwick states that four transactions were made with this credit card totaling \$2,741.98 without the permission of Lurwick. Lurwick states that she was



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scammed out of \$8,384.22. Lurwick was provided with an IOU statement from Hertz in these matters, admitting that the money had been used for mortgage payments and not placed into the stock market. Lurwick also advises that she received a check from PNC Bank in the amount of \$3500 from Michael Hertz. Lurwick attempted to cash this check which was denied do to the account being closed. Lurwick has not received repayment in these matters. Lurwick has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 25 March 2021, Joseph Thomas Rose contacted your affiant regarding his interaction with Michael Hertz.

Rose states that on December 2nd, 2020, he reached out to Michael Hertz via Facebook Marketplace to purchase a Playstation 5 that Hertz had listed for \$500.00. Hertz responded to Rose, advising Rose to send the \$500.00 to Joshua Luckenbaugh due to Hertz stating that he did not have a PayPal account. Hertz then advised Rose that Luckenbaugh's account had been locked because the payment was made from a credit card. Rose states that Hertz then requested money over Zelle in order to ship the PS5 which he sent another payment to Hertz on December 2nd. Rose advises that after not receiving the PS5, he again sent money to Hertz on December 21st, at which time Hertz provided a USPS receipt and a tracking number. Rose states that he checked the tracking number provided by Hertz several times, observing that the tracking number was never activated and the package was never shipped by Hertz. Rose advises that he was scammed out of \$1550.00 by Michael Hertz. Rose has not received repayment in these matters. Rose has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 25 March 2021, Deanna Marie Groves contacted your affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Groves states that between the months of July 2020 and October 2020, Michael Hertz contacted here stating that he had won the lottery. Hertz advised that he needed \$1500.00 in order to retain a "lottery lawyer," and would pay Groves \$5500.00 in return. Grove further states that Hertz contacted her via FaceTime and showed her "lottery winning forms". Grove states that several transactions were sent through Facebook Pay. Grove further states that Hertz continued to harass her multiple times per day for cash advancements stating that his lawyer had scammed him and kept the money. Hertz continued to demand money in order to, "straighten things out," in order to repay Groves. Groves advises that transactions were made through Facebook Pay, Venmo, Zelle and Cashapp. Groves advises that she was scammed out of \$3500.00 by Michael Hertz. Groves has not received repayment in these matters. Groves has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 25 March 2021, Shanna Leeann Richwine contacted your affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Richwine states that in the month of February 2020, Michael Hertz had contacted her via Facebook dating site and told her that he was employed as a day trader for J.P. Morgan in Baltimore, Maryland. Hertz advised Richwine to provide him money to invest on her behalf. Richwine started sending money to Hertz through CashApp and Venmo. During this course of time, Richwine sent Hertz \$25,419.39. Richwine contacted Hertz after becoming nervous about the large sums of money that were transferred and requested a return. Hertz advised that her money would be returned to her. Hertz then failed to contact



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her and stopped answering any calls or messages. Richwine advises that she was scammed out of \$25,419.29 by Michael Hertz. Richwine has not received repayment in these matters. Richwine has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 26 March 2021, Rassall Victor Jones contacted your affiant regarding his interaction with Michael Hertz.

Jones states that between the months of May 2020 and July 2020, Michael Hertz contacted him regarding financial problems and requesting money for assistance with bills with the premise that Jones would be fully reimbursed. Jones states that Hertz attempted to have Jones take out a loan for him, which Jones denied. Hertz then asked to borrow money on several occasions stating that he would repay Jones with the money he was getting from his father's death. Jones advises that he was scammed out of \$4814.55 by Michael Hertz. Jones has not received repayment in these matters. Jones has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 28 March 2021, Brooke Elizabeth Fravel contacted your affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Fravel states that between the months of July 2020 and August 2020, Michael Hertz had been provided money for the purposes of investing in the stock market. Fravel states that multiple payments were sent electronically to Michael Hertz for this purpose. Fravel states that she was scammed out of \$6500 by Michael Hertz. Fravel states that when she requested the money to be repaid by Hertz, Hertz advised that he needed to pay his bills for a home renovation or continuously came up with other reasons to not repay Fravel. Fravel has not received repayment in these matters. Fravel has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 28 March 2021, Emily Nicole McGuigan contacted this affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

McGuigan states that during the month of February 2020, Michael Hertz contacted her regarding financial problems and requesting money for assistance with bills with the premise that McGuigan would be fully reimbursed. McGuigan states that Hertz repeatedly requested money via Apple Pay to cover expenses that Hertz stated he acquired from his sick father or from losing his wallet. McGuigan advises that she was scammed out of \$2050 by Michael Hertz. McGuigan has not received repayment in these matters. McGuigan has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 28 March 2021, Dominique Davis contacted this affiant regarding his interaction with Michael Hertz.

Davis states that during the month of July 2020, Michael Hertz had been provided money for the purchase of gym equipment posted by Michael Hertz on Facebook market place. Davis states that he sent these payments through Zelle and Venmo to Michael Hertz and one payment to a Brooke Fravel. Davis advises that he was scammed out of \$2064 by Michael Hertz and did not receive the equipment purchased. Davis has not received repayment in these matters. Davis has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 29 March 2021, James John Ortiz contacted this affiant regarding his interaction with Michael Hertz.





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Ortiz states that between the months of May 2020 and October 2020, Michael Hertz had been provided money for the purchase of gym equipment which was never provided to Ortiz. These funds were provided via Venmo, Cashapp, PayPal and Zelle. Ortiz further advises that Hertz had told him (Ortiz) that he had won the lottery and would give money to Ortiz if he helped pay for a lottery fees at which time Ortiz sent more money to Hertz with the promise of repayment. Hertz then advised Ortiz that he would pay his mortgage and truck loan to help repay for the weights and other monies owed to Ortiz. Ortiz states that Hertz never paid these items and accessed Ortiz's account three times without advanced permission from Ortiz. Hertz continued to request money for various items with the promise of repayment to Hertz. Ortiz states that he was scammed out of \$44,311.02 by Michael Hertz. Ortiz had not received repayment in these matters. Ortiz has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 29 March 2021, Trinity Funk contacted this affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Funk states that during the month of March 2021, Michael Hertz had been provided money for the purposes of investing in the stock market after identifying himself as a day trader for J.P. Morgan with his business partners Jeffrey Lynch and Rashesh Kapoor. Funk states that multiple payments were sent via Apple Pay to Michael Hertz for this purpose. Furthermore Funk states that Hertz had her send money to Rashesh Kapoor and Jeffrey Lynch. Funk advises that upon these transactions she did not have any more contact with Hertz. Funk states that Lynch advised her of the multiple victims being scammed by Hertz. Funk states that she was scammed out of \$8464 by Michael Hertz. Funk has not received repayment in these matters. Funk has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 29 March 2021, Riley Hill contacted this affiant regarding his interaction with Michael Hertz.

Hill states that during the month of July 2020, Michael Hertz had been provided money for the purchase of gym equipment posted by Michael Hertz on Facebook Market place which Hill has not received. Hill advises that multiple payments were made to Hertz through PayPal for this purpose. Hill states that he was scammed out of \$650 by Michael Hertz. Hill has not received repayment in these matters. Hill has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 29 March 2021, Svetlana Fatkullina contacted this affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Fatkullina states that during the month of September 2020, Michael Hertz was provided money for the payment of bills with the promise of repayment. Fatkullina furthermore provided that Hertz had her make payments to Joshua Luckenbaugh. Fatkullina advises that these payments were made via Venmo and Applepay. Fatkullina states that she was scammed out of \$600 by Michael Hertz. Fatkullina has not received repayment in these matters. Fatkullina has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 30 March 2021, Timothy William Handley contacted this affiant regarding his interaction with Michael Hertz.

Handley states that during the month of August 2020, Michael Hertz was provided money for the



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purchase of gym equipment which was never provided to Handley. Handley states that multiple payments were sent to Hertz via Cashapp, Chase and Apple Pay. Handley states that he was scammed out of \$1,402 by Michael Hertz. Handley has not received repayment in these matters. Handley has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 01 April 2021, Kiana Nykol Stephens contacted this affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Stephens states that during the months of July 2020 to August 2020, Michael Hertz was provided money for the purchase of gym equipment which was never provided to Stephens. Stephens furthermore advises that Hertz had her provide money to various individuals to include Hertz, James Ortiz, Joshua Luckenbaugh and Jeffrey Lynch through the means of Venmo, PayPal, Apple Pay, Cashapp and Cash, whereas Stephens was told by Hertz that his applications were not working. Stephens states that she was scammed out of \$901 by Michael Hertz. Stephens has not received repayment in these matters. Stephens has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

On 05 April 2021, Brittany Burns contacted this affiant regarding her interaction with Michael Hertz.

Burns states that during the month of October 2020, Michael Hertz contacted her through a dating application known as Bumble. Burns states that Hertz asked for approximately \$300 to book an Airbnb for a date with the promise of returning the money. Burns then advises that Hertz continued to request money on multiple occasions through Facebook pay stating that Facebook was not allowing him to gain access to the money that was sent and that more transactions were needed to unlock the account. Burns also states that Hertz then threatened her, stating that she needed to send more money to Joshua Luckenbaugh. Burns states that Hertz threatened legal action in this matter. Burns also advises that Hertz gained access to her Navy Federal Credit Union account without her permission or knowledge and made multiple transfers to other NFCU members. Burns states that she was scammed out of \$32,000 by Michael Hertz. Burns has not received repayment in these matters. Burns has provided a written statement and transaction records to the aforementioned items.

For the purposes of this affidavit, Venmo, PayPal, Apple Pay, Cashapp and Zelle are applications used to transfer financial assets through a digital payment system between individuals.

This affiant contacted J.P. Morgan and spoke with Vice President (VP) David Hill. Hill states that there is no employee in their company directory with the name of Michael Hertz. Hill further states that they do not employ day traders in the Baltimore area. During an interview with Michael Hertz, Hertz stated that he does not possess certificates as a stock broker.

This affiant is aware of more victims of fraudulent activities and scams employed by Michael Hertz and awaiting statements and transaction records.

At the time of this affidavit, the total loss incurred by victims of Michael Hertz contained within this complaint is **\$308,494.87**.



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I, **CORY M AMMERMAN**, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO THE LAW, DEPOSE AND SAY THAT THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS FILING COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CASE RECORDS PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF PENNSYLVANIA THAT REQUIRE FILING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS DIFFERENTLY THAN NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS.

(Signature of Affiant)

Sworn to me and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, Magisterial District Judge

My commission expires first Monday of January,

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