



Pembroke Pines Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE



ASSIGNED PIO: Captain Al Xiques

PPPD CASE NUMBER: PPPD17-OFF032229

DATE: 06/13/2018 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: Century Village Pembroke Pines, Fl.

CHARGE/INCIDENT: 1) Exploitation of the Elderly 2) Theft From Person 65 Y.O.A. or Older

SUSPECT(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

- 1) Christopher Scott Kydes, W/M 01/16/61, 57 Y.O.A., 4280 NW 23 St. Lighthouse Point, Fl. 33064
- 2) Lauren Cohen Kydes, W/F, 04/09/63, 55 Y.O.A., 4280 NE 23 St. Lighthouse Point, Fl. 33064

VICTIM(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

Adult W/F, 87 Y.O.A., former resident of Century Village in Pembroke Pines

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

On 05/17/17, the Pembroke Pines Police Department responded to a welfare check within the Century Village community, of an 87 Y.O.A. resident. A relative who lived out of state had not been able to reach her. It was learned that the victim had recently been moved to an Assisted Living Facility in Deerfield Beach where she was later located. It was learned that she was placed there by Suspect #1) C. Kydes, after befriending the victim and obtaining Power of Attorney (POA) over her.

A yearlong investigation revealed that C. Kydes became a trustee on the victim's trust, became a joint account owner on the victim's bank accounts, obtained a quit claim deed on the victim's Century Village condo, became the victim's healthcare surrogate, and was added to her Will as a beneficiary.

The victim's condo was listed for sale by Suspect #2) L. Kydes (acted as a Realtor) and its contents were all discarded without the victim's knowledge. Adult Protective Services was contacted and a court appointed guardian was assigned to the victim, in order to stop the suspects from further access to any of the victim's accounts. Bank records showed that Suspect C. Kydes liquidated the victim's retirement accounts, and utilized the victim's bank account to pay for his and Suspect L. Kydes expenses.

In addition, some of the victim's funds were deposited into businesses owned by both suspects. The funds were then funneled from one business account to the other business account.

Both suspects used these business accounts as their personal accounts. At no point in time has either suspect refunded any of the victim's funds. Due to the suspect's actions, the victim suffered a monetary loss of \$135,895.28.

Two no bond arrest warrants were obtained for the suspects, and they were both apprehended this morning in Lighthouse Point, and later transported to BSO jail.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200, email to tips@ppines.com, or call Crimestoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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It is unknown exactly how the victim became acquainted with the suspects, and there is concern that they may have victimized other seniors. The Pembroke Pines Police Department is asking that anyone in the community who may recognize them, and suspects their involvement in any suspicious or fraudulent activity, to call police immediately.



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