

MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Subject:

FINANCIAL CRIMES INVESTIGATION **LEADS TO ARREST**

The Miami Police Department Financial Crimes Unit arrested **Mark Alex Natera (DOB: 11/26/1988)** following an extensive investigation into an organized scheme to defraud **REEF Technology LLC** and its parent company, **Vessel Operating HoldCo LLC**.

The investigation began after REEF executives discovered that company funds had been unlawfully diverted into a former employee's personal bank accounts. Detectives determined that between November 12, 2023, and October 16, 2024, the suspect—while employed as a Senior Software Engineer—used his authorized access to company systems to alter banking information connected to the company's payment platform.

As a result of these unauthorized changes, customer payments intended for the company were redirected to bank accounts and credit/debit cards under the suspect's control. The scheme resulted in a total loss of approximately \$914,000.

Detectives subpoenaed financial records from multiple financial institutions, which confirmed the diverted funds, linked the altered account information to the suspect, and showed the transactions were unauthorized and conducted over an extended period of time.

Based on the findings, detectives successfully obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect who was taken into custody by Miami Police Felony Apprehension Team. The suspect has been charged with the following:

- Organized Scheme to Defraud
- Grand Theft
- Fraudulent Use of Personal Identification Information
- Unauthorized Access to a Computer System

For more detailed information, please see the attached redacted Arrest Warrant.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Miami Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit at (305) 603-6280. Those with information that wish to remain anonymous can contact Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers at (305) 471- TIPS (8477), visit www.crimestoppersmiami.com and select "Give a Tip" or Send a text message to 274637. Enter CSMD followed by the tip information and press send.

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