

OFFENSE: Recovered Stolen Vehicle FSS# 777.777

LOCATION: 5675 SW Ranchito Street  
Palm City, Florida 34990

VICTIM: State of Florida  
800 SE Monterey Road  
Stuart, Florida 34994  
772-220-7000

COMPLAINANT: Hartford Insurance Company  
Indiana

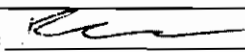
WITNESS: Michael Apostol  
5675 SW Ranchito Street  
Palm City, Florida 34990  
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WITNESS: James T Hobbs  
3335 N County Road 800 E  
Brownsburg, Indiana 46112  
317-852-8029

SUSPECT:

NARRATIVE: I received information from Sgt. Thomas Neild in reference to a possible stolen vehicle in Martin County. Sgt. Neild instructed me to contact a Michael Apostol who resides at 5675 SW Ranchito Street Palm, City.

I then contacted Michael Apostol sometime in March of 2010. Michael stated to me that he had brought a 1972 Chevrolet Corvette from a Richard Lampe, 2334 Corican Circle, Westfield, IN. 46074. Michael explained to me that he had brought the corvette off the internet without seeing the vehicle. Michael then explained that when he received the vehicle at his house in Palm City he started looking at the vehicle and then realized that he did not have a 1972 Corvette like he thought he brought, but he had a 1969 Corvette. Michael then looked on the vehicle for other numbers other than the vehicle identification number on the dash. Michael stated that he did not know what was up with the vehicle identification number on the dash but he believed that it did not belong to the vehicle, based on the tail lights and other features of the vehicle which indicated it might be a 1969 Corvette.

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 Arrest on Primary Offense  Secondary Offense Without Prosecution  
 V/W Refused to Cooperate  Prosecution Declined  
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I asked Michael to see if he could find any other numbers on the vehicle which would be confidential numbers or partial numbers. Michael then called me back and stated that he had found other numbers on the frame of the vehicle along with a number on the transmission block.

I then took these numbers and called Jennifer Palacz who works for National Insurance Crime Bureau as an Investigation Assistant. Jennifer took the partial numbers I had given her and then checked them with the data base she had. Jennifer then contacted me back and stated that the partial numbers when put into the data base came back to a 1969 Corvette with a true vehicle identification number of 194379S714476.

Jennifer stated that this vehicle was reported stolen in 1983 by a Michael Apostol out of Indiana. Jennifer also stated that the vehicle was purged from the system because of the amount of time that has past without the vehicle being recovered. Jennifer stated that the OCA was 53-2022.

Based on this information I contacted the Indiana State Police to recover the vehicle. I was put in touch with a Detective Reid. Detective Reid then performed a history search of the title for the 1969 Corvette and a title search for the 1972 Vehicle identification number that was on the dash of the 1969 Corvette. A search of the 1969 Corvette showed that Hartford Insurance Company was the last one to have a valid title for the 1969 Corvette. The 1972 title showed several owners for the vin number on the dash.

It was determined that the true owner of the Corvette is Hartford Insurance Company, which is the last titled owner of the 1969 Corvette. Michael Apostol had taken the Corvette to Palm Beach County BMV to try to get a new vehicle identification number for the Corvette. Michael was informed by BMV to take the vehicle to Saint Lucie County Sheriff's Office, so Detective Brown could verify the confidential numbers on the vehicle to get the true vehicle identification number.

I then received a phone call from Michael Apostol that he needed a letter from me stating that I had contacted NCIB for the true vehicle identification number. Michael stated that I needed to contact Detective Brown from the Saint Lucie County Sheriff's Office. I then called Detective Brown, who informed me that Michael Apostol had come to him and asked him to see if he could verify the true vehicle identification number on the Corvette because Martin County Sheriffs Office was not doing anything to find the true vin on the Corvette.

I informed Detective Brown I was working on the Corvette and I was waiting for the original complainant to call me back to see if he had ever recovered the vehicle. I then informed Detective Brown that I did make contact with the original owner and that I was waiting for the Detective from Indiana to get me the title search for the 1969 Corvette. Detective Brown stated to me that he was misled into believing that I was not working on the case. I then made arrangements with Detective Brown to pick up the Corvette from the Saint Lucie County Sheriff's Office and bring it to The Martin County Sheriff's Office and put it into storage till the owner of the Corvette Hartford Insurance Company tells me what they want to do with the vehicle.

I sent a teletype message to the Indiana State Police informing them that they vehicle was recovered in Martin County and that we notified the owner of the vehicle of the recovery. The vehicle will be held pending word from Hartford Insurance Company.

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CASE STATUS: CLOSED

DATE OF REPORT: 5/7/10

SIGNATURE: Det Leo Ferreira 612/1227 DATE: 5/10/10  
Detective Leo Ferreira 612/1227

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