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AGENCY CASE NUMBER: **19-41555**

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND  
FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

vs.

NAME: **Patrick Allen Spikes**

D.O.B: **8/30/1994** RACE/SEX: **W/M**

HOME ADDRESS: **7052 Pasturelands Place, Winter Garden, FL 34787**

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: HEIGHT: **5-08** WEIGHT: **150** HAIR: **BRO** EYES: **BLU**

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: **[REDACTED]**

DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER: **FL S122-661-94-310-0**

**A F F I D A V I T F O R A R R E S T W A R R A N T**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ORANGE

Comes now the affiant, **Detective David Foro, #2700**, a sworn law enforcement officer, to wit: **a Deputy for the Sheriff of Orange County, Florida**, before **The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Judge, in and for Orange County, Florida, Ninth Judicial Circuit**, who makes this affidavit and states under oath that affiant has probable cause to believe that certain laws have been violated Orange County, Florida, and that on/between **7/31/2018**, the Defendant, **Patrick Allen Spikes**, did violate Florida State Statute(s), and commit the offense(s) of:

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| <b>C1: Burglary of Occupied Structure</b>           | <b>FSS: 810.02(3)(C)</b>     |
| <b>C2: Dealing in Stolen Property (Fencing)</b>     | <b>FSS: 812.019(1)</b>       |
| <b>C3: Grand Theft (&gt;\$5,000, &lt; \$10,000)</b> | <b>FSS: 812.014(2)(C)(2)</b> |

Your affiant, **Detective David Foro, #2700**, is and has been since **9/17/2009**, a duly sworn Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff of Orange County, Florida.

Your affiant became a certified law enforcement officer in the state of Florida in 1999 through the Florida Department Law Enforcement certified basic recruit training school. Your affiant began working for the Orange County Sheriff's Office in 2001 assigned to Uniform Patrol. Your affiant has received specialized training in the area of criminal investigations, to include: Sex Crimes and Interviews and Interrogations. In 2012 your affiant was assigned to the Sex Crimes Unit where he personally conducted criminal investigations which were sexually motivated. In 2015, your affiant was assigned to the Sector VI Investigations Unit. In that unit your affiant has investigated various crimes including property, economic, and crimes against persons

YOUR AFFIANT, IN THE COURSE OF HIS/ HER OFFICIAL DUTIES, HAS COME TO INVESTIGATE:

**BACKGROUND**

The crimes in this case were discovered while investigating a grand theft of clothing of a Disney World owned animatronic, reported to OCSO under case #18-406839. That case is still actively being investigated. The following is a synopsis of the information in that related case, which led to this investigation:

**Related case OCSO #18-406839:**

On August 8, 2018, Walt Disney World reported that clothing had been stolen from an Animatronic at the closed “Cranium Command” attraction. This attraction has been closed for years, and was tagged to be archived by Walt Disney World. The clothing that was stolen from the animatronic, known as “Buzzy” includes a bomber jacket, large headphones (worn by the animatronic), and a green hat. These items are one of a kind and are known to hold value to collectors. The estimated value of these items is \$6,814.

Disney Security Investigators were made aware of an employee named Patrick Spikes (DOB 8/30/1994) who was taking pictures backstage while employed. During their internal investigation, they discovered that Spikes was developing an online social media presence to display these pictures. Spikes created a Twitter account of @backdoordisney, where he would post backstage photos. A photo posted on October 14, 2018 shows the animatronic “Buzzy” with clothing still attached. Disney advised Spikes had photographs of other animatronics that were reported stolen last year on his phone.

Detective Jesse Hinson and I spoke to Spikes in late November to determine if he had any information on the location of the stolen items. We had also recently learned that the entire Buzzy animatronic was later stolen from the attraction, separately from the clothing. Spikes denied any firsthand knowledge of the thefts, but provided vague information of people we could look into, but would not provide last names or specifics. Spikes stated he would contact us if he heard anything.

**INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES**

On December 18, 2018, I was made aware that another Disney employee had photographs sent to him from Spikes showing the stolen Buzzy animatronic clothing in his vehicle. Also seen in the photographs was a tan backpack that was later learned to be used to conceal the stolen clothing in both the Buzzy clothing case and this case. Controlled text messages were sent where Spikes initially denied any part in the theft but knew the stolen Buzzy clothes were sold for \$8,000.

On December 19, 2018, Spikes came to the Sector VI substation. When he was confronted with the photos we obtained showing the clothing he sent to the other employee, he denied that the pictures were taken in his vehicle, and decided to end the interview. His cell phone was seized for a search warrant. Spikes tried to take the phone back and was arrested for resisting without violence. A search warrant was obtained for Spikes’ residence and the tan backpack in the photos was found. Spikes would later make a Youtube video about this search, but when he showed the warrant in the video, he digitally altered the search warrant to remove the tan bag and the animatronic clothing from the section of the warrant that lists the evidence being sought in the house. The fact that Spikes altered the warrant for his video and only removed these two items indicate that he was aware these items were used in a crime.

On December 20, 2018, the Honorable Judge Julie O’Kane signed a search warrant for Spikes’ cell phone. Numerous pieces of Disney property were found on his phone, almost all of which was later determined to be stolen. One of the photos that were found was a close up photo of a costume tag. The tag reads “A.A. Magic Kingdom Haunted Mansion Fig. 32A.”

On January 23, 2019, I contacted Disney Investigator Frank Walker and sent him the photograph of the tag found during the search of the phone. Investigator Walker checked Disney records and discovered that this dress was reported as taken from a locker inside the Haunted Mansion. The dress, assigned to animatronic figure 32A, is one of two that is rotated out for cleaning. The animatronic is in the “ballroom scene” of the Haunted Mansion, a scene where the animatronics appear to be transparent using special effects. It was reported missing and last seen in a storage locker near the animatronics in the ride itself.

Financial records obtained in the related cases show that Spikes received over \$29,451.70 via Paypal from two people from July 28, 2018 to September 6, 2018. One of the two people is [REDACTED] who [REDACTED]. He had sent \$8,890.21 via Paypal to Spikes between July 28 and August 8, 2018 from both [REDACTED] account and [REDACTED] account.

On April 26, 2019, Detectives Jesse Hinson, Kent Matherne, and I made contact with [REDACTED] at his residence. He provided a recorded sworn statement, stating that he had purchased multiple items from Patrick Spikes, including the Haunted Mansion dress photographed on the phone. According to [REDACTED] Spikes represented the items as his personal belongings, obtained from Disney with permission.

[REDACTED] escorted us to his [REDACTED], where the Haunted Mansion animatronic costume was being stored. He handed it over to me, and it was photographed. [REDACTED] purchased the dress for \$1000 from Spikes sometime in August, after meeting Spikes at the Crossroads shopping plaza (Hotel Plaza/S.R. 535) to make the purchase.

[REDACTED] was cooperative with the investigation and turned over 18 items he purchased from Spikes. Later investigation revealed every one of these items were stolen from Disney World over the course of several burglaries. The dress is the only item in [REDACTED] possession that appears related to this specific case. The other items sold to [REDACTED] will be assigned to separate case numbers depending on the incident.

Based on the photographs in the phone, Disney cast member entrance logs, and guest entrance records, the following time line of the crime has been established:

On July 31, 2018 at 1521 hours, a photograph is taken of a Disney employee ID card being made inside a printing machine. Later close ups of the ID show the employee picture looks similar to Blaytin Taunton, Spikes' cousin, and suspect in additional related cases. The name on the ID is "Jack D Marrow." Disney confirms there is no such employee at their park, and the number on the ID card "00712592" belongs to an employee who no longer works for the company.

At 2052 hours, Spikes uses his employee ID to enter the Contemporary Resort employee parking gate. This lot is adjacent to the Magic Kingdom guest entrance and is believed that Spikes stopped here briefly to drop off Taunton so he could enter the guest entrance.

At 2059 hours, Blaytin Taunton used his Disney ticket to enter the Magic Kingdom park through the guest entrance.

At 2105 hours, Patrick Spikes used his Disney Employee ID card to enter the Magic Kingdom park using the "Westclock" employee entrance.

At 2124 hours, Spikes and Taunton took a photo together in the "utilidoor" area of the Magic Kingdom. These areas are underground tunnels for employees only. The tunnels allow access to different areas of the park, both guest and backstage areas. In this photo, Spikes is wearing a button down collared blue and white striped dress shirt with a Disney name tag. Taunton is wearing a black polo shirt, usually worn by Disney stage crew personnel, and a Disney name tag that says "Jose." Taunton is not an employee of Walt Disney World. Taunton is also wearing a backpack that was later recovered while executing the search warrant of Spikes home in the related case. In that case, the backpack was used to conceal stolen animatronic costuming.

At 2200 and 2201 hours, photographs were taken of animatronics in the Haunted Mansion attraction of the Magic Kingdom. This area is not accessible to the public. Embedded GPS information in the photographs confirm the photos were taken at the Haunted Mansion. Disney attraction records show that the attraction was open and occupied at this time, not only by employees, but by over 1000 guests per hour from the hours of 2100 to 2300. Disney records also show that Spikes was not scheduled to

work that day, was not paid for working that day, and would not be permitted inside the attraction since that is not his job assignment, even if he was working.

From approximately 2232 hours to 2236 hours, multiple photos were taken of animatronic costumes that came from the Haunted Mansion attraction. These photos were GPS tagged as well, and the location shows the 7-11 store at 13191 Reams Road, Windermere, Florida. This 7-11 is directly behind the employee parking area of the Magic Kingdom. Close up photographs of the tags inside the costumes were taken. The tags read “A.A. Magic Kingdom Haunted Mansion.” On each tag, the figure number is listed to indicate which animatronic the costume belongs to. The photographs showed costumes from Figures 30B, 32A (two pieces) and 31A. Also in the pictures were wigs, including one where Spikes is smiling while wearing it on his head, and in other pictures his arm is seen in the photo holding the wigs to photograph. The 7-11 can be seen in the background of some of the photos, confirming the GPS location information.

At 2241 hours, a screenshot was taken with the phone, showing resulting photos from a google search of “haunted mansion ballroom behind the scenes.” The photo contains animatronics wearing the costumes that were now in Spikes’ and Taunton’s possession.

At 2327 hours, a photograph was taken of a female wearing the stolen Haunted Mansion dress “32A” and the tiara. The female in the photo appears to be Taunton’s girlfriend, Heather Faye Evans. The photo is GPS tagged with a location in the Camden Town Square apartments in Kissimmee. Spike’s girlfriend, Ashley Oplinger, lived at these apartments at that time. Each one of these photos has a matching 3 second video taken at the same time, due to the way the iPhone captures photos. The matching short video with the photo of Evans in the stolen dress has subject off camera telling Evans “C’mon you gotta smile.” I have heard Spikes voice both in person and on his social media clips and this voice does not sound like Spikes. It is likely Taunton.

Multiple photos were taken from 2315 hours to 2317 hours of the animatronic costumes, wigs, and a tiara. In at least one photo, Spikes is wearing the wig. These photos were GPS tagged as well and the GPS coordinates again come back to Camden Town Square apartments.

Walt Disney World has confirmed the following animatronic costumes, wigs, and tiara have been stolen from the Haunted Mansion attraction:

Figure 30B Jacket	\$1,746
Figure 30B Trousers	\$692
Figure 31A bodice	\$809
Figure 31A skirt	\$923
Figure 31A petticoat	\$695
Figure 32A skirt	\$912
Figure 32A bodice	\$809
Yellow wig	\$288
2 Male wigs	\$302
Tiara	\$40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,216</b>

**FINDINGS**  
**BURGLARY**  
**F.S.S. § 810.02(3)(c)**

1. Patrick Spikes entered a structure (Haunted Mansion attraction building) owned by or in the possession of Walt Disney World.
2. The structure was occupied at the time of the offense.
3. At the time of entering the structure, Patrick Spikes had the intent to commit grand theft in

that structure.

4. Patrick Spikes was not licensed or invited to enter the structure.
5. Patrick Spikes entered premises that were open to the public, but then entered an area of the premises that he knew was not open to the public.
6. Patrick Spikes entered that non-public area with the intent to commit grand theft in that non-public area.

**THEFT**

**F.S.S. § 812.014(2)(C)(2)**

1. Patrick Spikes knowingly and unlawfully obtained or used the stolen animatronic costumes, wigs, and tiara of Walt Disney World.
2. He did so with intent to, either temporarily or permanently, deprive Walt Disney World of their right to the property or any benefit from it.
3. The property was valued at \$7,216

**DEALING IN STOLEN PROPERTY (FENCING)**

**F.S.S. § 812.019(1)**

1. Patrick Spikes trafficked in a stolen animatronic costume.
2. Patrick Spikes knew that the animatronic costume was stolen.
3. Patrick Spikes received \$1000 for the costume.

**Conclusion**

Based on the photographic evidence, GPS locations associated with the photos, and park entry records, **PROBABLE CAUSE EXISTS** to **ARREST** Patrick Spikes and Blaytin Taunton for the crimes of **BURGLARY TO AN OCCUPIED STRUCTURE** and **GRAND THEFT** in violation of F.S.S. 810.02(3)(c) and 812.014(2)(C)(2).

With the addition of [REDACTED] statement about the purchase of one of the stolen items from Patrick Spikes, and the stolen item being recovered by OCSO, **PROBABLE CAUSE EXISTS** to **ARREST** Patrick Spikes for **DEALING IN STOLEN PROPERTY (FENCING)** in violation of F.S.S. 812.019(1).

**Detective David Foro, #2700**

**AFFIANT**

**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED** before me in the County and State aforesaid this 15 day of May, 2019.

**Sgt. Russell Sollars #1503**

**PLACED UNDER OATH BY**