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## News Release

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### Real Estate Fraud Investigation Results in Arrest of Christopher Williams

Sheriff Ken Mascara announced that an investigation in several fraudulent real estate transactions has resulted in the arrest of 45-year-old Christopher P. Williams.

According to the Sheriff, in September of 2017, the Sheriff's Office Economic Crimes Unit was notified of a case of suspected real estate fraud in involving a home in the 3600 block of Avenue G in Fort Pierce. The home was owned by a man and woman living in Haiti who had hired a property management company to renovate, maintain and then rent the property.

"When the caretaker arrived at the home, the lock box was removed from the door and the locks had been changed," said Sheriff Ken J. Mascara. "He called the owner and was told he had no information as to why."

According to the Sheriff, the caretaker searched Clerk of Court records for the address and found the house had been sold through a quit claim deed to Christopher P. Williams, representing Rocking and Rolling Investments, LLC.

"The owner in Haiti denied selling the home or any knowledge of Williams or the company," Mascara said. "Our detectives began an investigation into Christopher P. Williams and Rocking and Rolling Investments and revealed three additional properties that had been purchased through the quit claim deed process by Williams, Rocking and Rolling Investments and a second company called Ocean View Investment Capital."

According to the Sheriff, the investigative process revealed three of the four homes had been sold by Williams to another party and the fourth home was being lived in by Williams and his family. In each instance, fraudulent signatures were used by Williams to represent the property owners as well as witnesses to the transaction.

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Williams was listed through State Division of Corporation documents as the owner of both Rocking and Rolling Investments and Ocean View Investment Capital.

“Our investigation further revealed that the address of record for Rocking and Rolling Investments was listed as a condo in Indian Harbour Beach owned by a seasonal resident living in Ohio who has never heard of or met Christopher Williams,” Mascara said. “As a result of this investigation, a warrant was approved to arrest Williams and charge him with one count of RICO – Conducting an enterprise through a pattern of racketeering and four counts of grand theft.”

Williams was arrested on September 10th and booked into the St. Lucie County Jail on an \$800,000 bond. At this time he is still in custody.

“We believe there could be others in the community who may have been defrauded by Christopher Williams,” Mascara said. “If you have, please contact detectives at 772-462-3230.”

### ABOUT THE SHERIFF:

The Florida Constitution establishes the Office of the elected County Sheriff who is responsible for preserving the peace, carrying out the orders of Florida courts and the Board of County Commissioners, and providing deputies at court sessions and meetings of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief correctional officer of the county. Sheriff Ken J. Mascara is elected by the people of St. Lucie County and is accountable to them.