## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT COUNTY OF: LYCOMING COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA Magisterial District Number: 29-1-02 VS. (NAME and ADDRESS): MDJ: Hon. Aaron S. Biichle Address: 48 W. Third Street MICHAEL WILLIAM : BLOOM. Middle Name Last Name First Name Williamsport, PA 17701 426 Brandon Avenue #C, Williamsport, PA 17701 **DEFENDANT NEEDS PROCESSING** Telephone: (570)327-2275 NCIC Extradition Code Type 1-Felony Full ☐ 5-Felony Pending Extradition ☐ C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States ☐ Distance: ☐ 6-Felony Pending Extradition Determ. 2-Felony Limited □ D-Misdemeanor No Extradition ☐ 3-Felony Surrounding States A-Misdemeanor Full ☐ E-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition ☐ F-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition ☐ 4-Felony No Extradition □ B-Misdemeanor Limited DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION Request Lab **Date Filed** OFN/LiveScan Number Complaint/Incident Number Docket-Number Services? ☐ YES ⊠ NO (017.7 BCC220028 GENDER Co-Defendant(s) ров 06/25/1978 Add'I DOB Middle Name Gen. Male First Name Last Name ☐ Female AKA White Hispanic ☐ Black☐ Unknown RACE ☐ Asian Native American Unknown ETHNICITY Non-Hispanic . RED (Red/Aubn.) SDY (Sandy) BLU (Blue) PLE (Purple) BRO (Brown) GRY (Gray) Hair ■ WHI (White) XXX (Unk./Baid) GRN (Green) PNK (Pink) BLK (Black) ONG (Orange) Color BLN (Blonde / Strawberry) GRY (Gray) BLU (Blue) BRO (Brown) GRN (Green) BLK (Black) Eye Color HAZ (Hazel) MAR (Marcon) PNK (Pink) MUL (Multicolored) XXX (Unknown) **DNA Location** WEIGHT (lbs.) DNA ☐ YES ☒ NO FBI Number MNU Number 300 895146MD9 **Defendant Fingerprinted** ☐ YES ☒ NO Ft. HEIGHT In. Fingerprint Classification: 6 DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION Oth. NCIC Veh. Code School Veh. State Registration Comm'l Veh. Reg. Ind. same mat Plate # Sticker (MM/YY) as Def. VIN Make Model Color Year Style Office of the attorney for the Commonwealth Approved Disapproved because: (The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. See Pa.R.Crim.P. 507). BERNARD A. ANDERSON, SR DEP ATTY GEN 6/15/22 (Name of the attorney for the Commonwealth) 595 S.A. DAVID SCICCHITANO (PSP/MPOETC -Ass Affiant ID Number & Badge # (Name of the Affiant) JUN 27 2022 PA0222400 Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General (Police Agency ORI Numbe (Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision) do hereby state: (check appropriate box) DISTRICT COURT 1. ☐ I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above ☐ I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as 🗀 I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname are unknown to me and whom I have therefore designated as John Doe or Jane Doe 1203 Penn Street, Williamsport, Pa (Place-Political Subdivision) with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at [301] 17701 on or about 3/9/2021-2/7/2022 in LYCOMING County [41] (County Code)

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- 2. I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the defendant be required to answer the charges I have made.
- 3. I verify that the facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of Section 4904 of the Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S. § 4904) relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.
- 4. This complaint consists of the preceding page(s) numbered  $\underline{1}$  through  $\underline{\phantom{a}}$ .
- 5. I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania that require filing confidential information and documents differently that non-confidential information and documents.

The acts committed by the accused, as listed and hereafter, were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and were contrary to the Act(s) of the Assembly, or in violation of the statutes cited. (Before a warrant of arrest can be issued, an affidavit of probable cause must be completed, sworn to before the issuing authority, and attached.)

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AND NOW, on this date

I certify that the complaint has been properly completed and verified.

An affidavit of probable cause must be completed before a warrant can be issued.

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## AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE

Your affiant is a Special Agent with the Bureau of Criminal Investigations of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. On 1/19/2022, the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General Bureau of Consumer Protection (BCP) referred the following matter to Criminal Prosecutions concerning the defendant, Michael Bloom. As set forth more specifically below, multiple alleged victims have reported that Michael Bloom, through his company Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC, entered into contracts to provide residential home improvement services with them. Bloom also took advance deposits from the homeowners. Bloom thereafter provided no services and refused to return the deposits.

On 4-27-21, Bloom was convicted of crimes in three separate cases in Luzerne County, PA based on the same conduct. Bloom was convicted of Conspiracy to Commit Theft by Deception, 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 903(a)(1) (M1) at Docket # CP-40-CR-3271-2017, Conspiracy to Commit Theft by Deception, 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 903(a)(1) (M1) at Docket # CP-40-CR-696-2019, and Home Improvement Fraud, 73 P.S. § 517.8(a)(2) (M1) (failure to perform services) at Docket # CP-40-CR-697-2019. Bloom was sentenced on all three cases on 7-6-21, which sentences included a revocation of his contractor registration under the Pennsylvania Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act ("HICPA"), 73 P.S. § 517.1, et seq. effective that date, and a total of \$41,300.00 in restitution to the three victims.

An investigation revealed that Michael Bloom currently owns the Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC in Williamsport, PA.

On 12/6/2021, the BCP received a complaint from CATHERINE FORTE concerning Michael Bloom and his company. Your affiant contacted Forte, who sent a copy of her contract with Keystone. Your affiant observed that her contract was to have an Easy Climber Elevator installed in her house. On the top of this contract, Bloom's company was identified as: "Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC, 1203 Penn St., Williamsport, PA 17701 (877)543-8704." The contract date was: "3/4/2021." The contract was signed by Forte on 3/9/2021. The estimated start date for the work was, "November 2021"; and it was to be completed in "3-5 days." The salesperson on the contract was: Carmin Fusco. Bloom's registration number was not on the contract. (HICPA requires that a contractor include its registration number on all "advertisements, contracts, estimates and proposals created by the contractor." 73 P.S. § 517.6.)

Forte paid a down payment with this contract of \$6,000.00 by debit card. She made two more payments from her bank account: 8/31/2021, a check for \$6,250.00; and 10/22/2021, a check for \$12,250.00. Forte paid Bloom a total of \$24,500.00.

Forte also said that she knew Bloom was the owner of this company because she was introduced to Bloom by Fusco over the phone, and she saw Bloom's website, which said he was the owner. Forte said that, by the time she realized that her agreement with Bloom was a "scam," she could not reach or locate Bloom. She called the company, but the company was gone and closed. She sent an email, but she received no response. These were attempts by her to get a refund and find out why Bloom did what



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he did to her. Forte said that Bloom never did the work that was agreed to in her contract, and he never refunded her the money.

On 2/3/2022, your affiant contacted RUSSELL FISHKIND by phone. He confirmed that he was a victim of Michael Bloom and his company, Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC. Fishkind sent your affiant a copy of his contract. Your affiant observed that his contract was to have an Easy Climber Elevator installed in his house. On top of this contract, your affiant observed Bloom's company identified as: "Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC, 1203 Penn St., Williamsport, PA 17701 (877)543-8704." The contract date was: 10/16/2021. The contract was signed by Fishkind on 10/16/2021. The estimated start date for the work was, "Nov 29 2021"; and it was to be completed in "3-5 days." The salesperson on the contract was Carmin Fusco. Bloom's HICPA registration number was not on the contract, and was revoked at that point.

Fishkind wired \$17,750.00 to Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC on 11/8/2021. Fishkind said he did this "at the direction of Michael Bloom." Fishkind also said that Bloom represented that the elevator would be installed on 11/29/2021. Also according to Fishkind, after he made the wire payment to Bloom, he called Bloom's office several times and he left voice mails. He never got a call back. He also said he sent Bloom several emails and did not get any response.

Fishkind said: "One Sunday afternoon, I called and he actually picked up. He said he was delayed, apologized profusely and said the elevator would be installed in the upcoming week. Of course that never happened." Fishkind said no work was ever done. Fishkind indicated that he tried to get a refund, but his attempts to contact Bloom went unanswered. He said he would have asked Bloom for a refund, but he could not get a hold of Bloom and no one would respond. Fishkind said that Bloom never did the work that was agreed to in his contract, and he never refunded him the money Fishkind paid.

On 2/3/2022, your affiant contacted RHAE KENNEDY by phone. She confirmed that she was a victim of Michael Bloom and his company, Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC. She said she paid Bloom deposits and no work was ever done. Kennedy sent a copy of her contract with Keystone. Your affiant observed that her contract was to have an Easy Climber Elevator installed in her house. On the top of this contract, Your affiant observed Bloom's company identified as: "Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC, 1203 Penn St., Williamsport, PA 17701 (877) 543-8704." The contract date was: 10/8/2021. The total price was supposed to be: \$29,000.00. The contract was signed by Kennedy on 10/8/2021. The estimated start date for the work was, "Nov 29th 2021"; and it was to be completed in "5 days." The salesperson on the contract was: Marie Bartlett. The contract had Kennedy's credit card information on it. Three charges were authorized: \$9,860.00 for the down payment; then another charge of \$9,570.00; and then \$9,570.00 would be charged upon installation. Bloom's HICPA registration number was not on the contract, and was revoked at that point.

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Kennedy said that, on 8/23/2021, she traveled to the Keystone Lifts and Elevators showroom in Williamsport, PA. She said she met with Michael Bloom in person, and she tested an elevator. She then worked with a sales representative, Marie Bartlett, on a contract. She said Bartlett visited her home. On 11/19/2021, she received an email from Bartlett. She said Keystone did not forward her payment to Staying Home, the manufacturer. Bartlett also said the manufacturer also asked Bartlett to tell Kennedy not to send any more money to Keystone. Kennedy said she heard nothing more from Bloom, and the work was never done. Kennedy is out her down payment of: \$9,860.00.

Kennedy also indicated that she had called the office phone number for Keystone in order to speak to Bloom, but she could not get a response. She said she would have asked for either the work to be done or she would have asked for a refund of her money. She never got a call back from Bloom. She said Bloom disappeared. Kennedy said that Bloom never did the work that was agreed to in her contract, and he never refunded her the money that Kennedy paid him.

On 2/3/2022, your affiant contacted FRED WIEDER by phone. He confirmed that he was a victim of Michael Bloom and his company, Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC. He said he paid Bloom deposits and no work was ever done.

Wieder sent your affiant a copy of his contract with Keystone. Your affiant observed that his contract was to have an Easy Climber Elevator installed in his house. On top of this contract, your affiant observed Bloom's company identified as: "Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC, 1203 Penn St., Williamsport, PA 17701 (877) 543-8704." The contract was signed by Wieder and sent to Keystone on 7/13/2021. This was only one week after he had been sentenced for HICPA crimes in Luzerne County (on 7-6-2021), and had his HICPA registration revoked. The estimated start date for the work was, "Fall 2021"; and it was to be completed in "3-5 days." The salesperson on the contract was Carmin Fusco. Bloom's HICPA registration number was not on the contract.

Wieder paid a down payment with this contract of \$6,000.00 from his bank account on 7/13/2021. He then sent Keystone a check for \$4,000.00 on 10/7/2021, and then he sent Keystone a check for \$12,000.00 on 11/9/2021. Both canceled checks were deposited into a First Commonwealth Bank of Indiana, PA, account. Wieder sustained a total loss of \$22,000.00.

Wieder said he initially visited the Keystone showroom in Williamsport, PA and met with Michael Bloom. He also dealt with: Cherie Musser, "Director of Operations," and Bill Swarthout, "Certified Install/Service Specialist." He later dealt with the sales person, Carmin Fusco. He said Musser and Swarthout visited his new home site on 10/2021, and they took measurements. Fusco later called Wieder and told him that Bloom was missing. Wieder could not get Bloom on the phone and Bloom was not responding to messages. Wieder also said that Bloom never did the work that was agreed to in his contract, and he never refunded him the money that Wieder paid. Wieder indicated that Bloom kept his

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money, and Wieder could not resolve this by either getting the work done or by getting a refund because Bloom was gone.

On 2/3/2022, your affiant called and spoke to GEORGE FULTON. Your affiant received a copy of a contract Fulton signed with Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC on 9/17/2021 to have an elevator installed. On top of this contract, your affiant observed Bloom's company identified as: "Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC, 1203 Penn St., Williamsport, PA 17701 (877) 543-8704." Fulton paid \$12,000.00 with a check as a down payment. The estimated start date for the work was supposed to be 11/8/2021, and it was supposed to be completed in four (4) days. The sales person on the contract was Marie Bartlett. Bloom's HICPA registration number was not on the contract, and was revoked at that point.

Fulton stated that the work was never done and Fulton was out \$12,000.00. Fulton also indicated that he asked Bartlett about financing, and Bartlett called Michael Bloom. Bloom offered Fulton a deal in which Bartlett stated he has never done before: Fulton would have to pay a \$12,000.00 deposit and Bloom would waive the interest fees for a year.

Fulton filed a police report about Bloom with the Warren County, NY Sheriff's Office. An investigator from that agency obtained a statement from the Keystone Lift and Elevator sales person, Marie Bartlett, dated 1/18/2022. Bartlett confirmed what Fulton said in the previous paragraph. Bartlett said she sent the contract and the check from Fulton to Bloom. Bartlett also said that Bloom never paid her the commission she was due from the sale. She added that Bloom told her that it was a mishap with the manufacturer and jobs were going to be delayed. Bartlett contacted Mike Vogt from the elevator manufacturer, Staying Home. Vogt indicated to her that no one knows where Fulton's money went. Bartlett also said that Bloom was not returning her calls. She also said that Bloom owes Vogt (Staying Home Corporation) over \$80,000.00 for elevators.

Fulton said he first realized that something was wrong when, after months of not hearing anything from Bloom or his company, he contacted the sales person, Marie Bartlett. She told him that Bloom deposited Fulton's check, but Bloom never ordered Fulton's elevator from the manufacturer. Fulton said he called Bloom a couple of times, but he could not reach him and Bloom did not respond to his calls. Fulton also said he sent Bloom emails demanding a refund, but Bloom never responded. Fulton said that Bloom did not honor the sales agreement between them, and kept his money without ever doing the work or refunding his money to him.

On 3/1/2022, your affiant called and spoke with Michael Vogt, President of Staying Home Corporation. Staying Home is the manufacturer of home elevators and lifts that Michael Bloom would order to install. Vogt identified Bloom as the owner/president of Keystone Lift and Elevator in Williamsport, PA. Vogt described Bloom as an independent dealer. Vogt sent your affiant a copy of the Dealer Agreement he had with Bloom. Bloom signed this on 7/8/2019, and Bloom identified himself as, "President" of Keystone Lift and Elevator, LLC.



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Vogt also sent your affiant a copy of one of his bank statements. This statement showed a wire transfer on 9/3/2021 from Bloom's company and shows bank information for Bloom's company. Bloom's bank information was observed to be: First National Bank.

On 3/2/2022, your affiant obtained a business report for Keystone Lift and Elevator, LLC. Your affiant observed the following: The federal employer ID number was 84-2116167; the business address was: "1203 Penn St. Williamsport, PA 17701"; the registration number was PA149515; the registration number status was: "Revoked"; the primary contact was: "Michael Bloom"; his title was: "President."

On 3/10/2022, your affiant spoke to WILLIAM SWARTHOUT. He identified himself as a subcontractor who did work for Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC. He said he installed home elevators and did service work. He identified Michael Bloom as the President and Owner of Keystone. Swarthout said he started doing work for Bloom on 6/2020. In 9/2021, Bloom stopped paying Swarthout. Swarthout said Bloom owes him \$7,900.00 for work he did for Keystone. Your affiant asked Swarthout if Bloom was still doing business with his company, Keystone, after 7/6/2021. Swarthout said Bloom was doing so. Swarthout said Bloom had him do around 30 jobs since that date. Swarthout said he would collect payment from customers in the form of checks. Swarthout said he would then deposit the checks directly into Keystone's business bank account with First National Bank.

On 3/10/2022, your affiant spoke to MICHAEL TOTH. He identified himself as a subcontractor that did work for Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC. He said he installed home elevators and did service work. He identified Michael Bloom as the owner of Keystone. Toth said Bloom has conducted business as Keystone since 7/6/2021. Toth said that, since that date, he has done "lots of jobs" for Bloom. He said Bloom stopped paying him, and Bloom owes him \$9,300.00 for work he has done. Toth indicated that he collected payments from customers in the form of checks. Toth would then deposit these checks directly into Bloom's business bank account for Keystone at the First National Bank. In October of 2021, Bloom told Toth that he switched banks to First Commonwealth, and this is why there was a delay in paying Toth. Toth still hasn't been paid by Bloom as of this date. Toth also said he never deposited any customer checks into that bank. Toth also said Bloom stopped paying him after 9/23/2021, which was Toth's last payment.

On 3/10/2022, your affiant spoke to CHERIE MUSSER over the phone. She identified herself as the "Director of Operations" for Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC. She said she did a lot of paper pushing. She identified Michael Bloom as the owner of Keystone. Musser said that Bloom has been conducting business as Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC since 7/6/2021. She said he continued to do business and he continued to take money from customers without doing any of the work. She said that at around 8/2021, Bloom stopped returning calls to people, he stopped paying for elevators, and he stopped paying his people. Musser said that the salespersons and the subcontractors collected checks as payments from customers and they would deposit the checks for Bloom directly into Bloom's business

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bank account at First National Bank. Some of the payment checks that were collected were also mailed to Keystone's business address in Keystone's name at: 1203 Penn St., Williamsport, PA 17701. Musser said that this was actually Bloom's mother's address. Musser said she used to go to Bloom's mother's house every day to collect Bloom's mail. She also said that Bloom had a "show room" at a different address in Williamsport.

Your affiant asked Musser how Bloom paid himself. She said Bloom took money from his business bank account for Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC and put the money into his personal bank account. Musser said both of Bloom's accounts were in the First National Bank. Musser provided these First National Bank account numbers.

Musser said she was aware that Bloom's HICPA registration was suspended as of 7/6/2021. When she questioned him about still doing business after this date, Bloom told her that he had a conversation with his lawyer and he was told he could still do business. Shortly after this date, she became aware that Bloom was taking money from customers and not doing any of the work.

On 3/25/2022, your affiant obtained a search warrant for records from the Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC (KLE) that were in possession of Cherie Musser at her residence. Your affiant seized two boxes of KLE paper records from 3/9/2021 through 3/22/2022. Also on 3/25/2022, your affiant obtained and served search warrants for the First National Bank at 90 Maynard Street in Williamsport, PA, and for the First Commonwealth Bank at 301 Shiffler Avenue in Williamsport, PA. These search warrants were for bank records for Michael Bloom and the Keystone Lift and Elevator LLC.

On 3/29/2022, Mike Vogt of the Staying Home Corporation updated his information concerning the defendant Michael Bloom. Vogt indicated that SHC received orders on five of the six alleged victims (he did not mention O'Master) and SHC completed drawings. But because Bloom did not pay SHC for any of these orders, the elevators were not manufactured. Vogt said SHC is out about \$80,000 in unpaid bills by Bloom.

On 3/30/2022, John O'Master contacted your affiant to report that he was also a victim of Michael Bloom. He reported that, on 2/7/2022, Bloom came to his house in Pittsburgh, PA. O'Master was looking into getting a stair lift put into his house. Bloom told him that the job would cost \$4,500. Bloom requested O'Master to pay \$3,000 up front, which O'Master did so by check.

On 2/8/2022, O'Master changed his mind and wanted to cancel his order. O'Master called the Staying Home Corporation to cancel his order. This company then emailed Bloom to cancel the order and the contract. However, Bloom never returned O'Master's money to him. No work was ever done either.

O'Master sent your affiant his paperwork, which included the following. Your affiant received a copy of the check O'Master gave to Bloom. Your affiant observed that the check was deposited into a First

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Commonwealth Bank account on 2/7/2022. Your affiant also received a copy of the contract dated 2/7/2022. It was signed by Bloom. Also, Bloom did not have his HICPA number anywhere on it, and was revoked at that point. O'Master also sent emails that show his attempts to cancel his order and get a refund from Bloom.

On 4/13/2022, your affiant completed a review of the victims' files in the Keystone Lift and Elevator (KLE) records that were seized via search warrant. Upon review of these records, your affiant found evidence that Michael Bloom was still operating KLE after 7/6/2021 when his HICPA license was revoked for three years. Specifically, he took on and took money from at least 22 new customers after this date. Most of these customers had individual files with dated and signed contracts.

The KLE files also contained a number of emails. The most noteworthy were the following:

- 10/21/2021: Michael Vogt from Staying Home Corporation (the manufacturer)(SHC) wrote to Bloom and said that Bloom hasn't been doing what he said he would do and not answering customers' calls, and not trying to get caught up. Vogt removed Bloom's number from the Easy Climber web site. Bloom had not paid Vogt in four weeks. Bloom responded that his mother was sick.
- 10/23/2021: Marie Bartlett (sales person) wrote to Bloom. Bloom had not paid her since August and she demanded her money.
- 11/1/2021: Vogt wrote to Bloom about the money Bloom owed Vogt. Vogt said that the techs
  were not getting paid. Vogt said Bloom was not answering phone calls. Vogt mentioned about
  Bloom owing Bartlett money. Vogt said that Bloom got \$150,000.00 in jobs, and Vogt questioned
  where the money went. Vogt told Bloom he won't extend him anymore credit or ship anymore
  units.
- 11/10/2021: there was an email thread from employees Mike Toth and Alan Bloom to Michael Bloom complaining that they were not getting paid.
- 11/11/2021: Cherie Musser sent Bloom her resignation letter. Bloom only responded: "Wow."
- 11/19/2021: Vogt wrote to KLE employees that he can't get in touch with Bloom anymore and he was starting legal action.
- 1/10/2022: Vogt wrote to Bloom that Bloom owes him over \$80,000.00, and he was going to report Bloom to the Williamsport Police.

On 4/13/2022, your affiant completed reviewing Michael Bloom's First Commonwealth Bank (FCB) accounts. Your affiant found two payments: one from the victim Fred Wieder and one from the victim John O'Master. Wieder wrote KLE a check for \$12,000.00 on 11/9/2021. This check was deposited into the KLE business account at FCB on 11/15/2021. O'Master wrote KLE a check for \$3,000.00 on

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2/7/2022. Your affiant found a copy of this check among the FCB KLE account records. This check was deposited on 2/7/2022.

Also on 4/13/2022, your affiant completed reviewing Michael Bloom's First National Bank (FNB) accounts. Concerning the victim Forte, Forte provided proof that she paid KLE \$6,250.00 on 8/31/2021 via check #335. Your affiant found a copy of this check in the KLE FNB business account. This check was dated by Forte on 8/24/2021. It was deposited into Bloom's business account on 8/30/2021. Forte also provided proof that she paid KLE \$12,250.00 on 10/22/2021 via check #1128. Your affiant found a copy of this check in the KLE FNB sales tax account. This check was dated by Forte on 10/18/2021. It was deposited into Bloom's FNB sales tax account on 10/22/2021.

Concerning Russell Fishkind, Fishkind indicated he wired KLE \$17,750.00 on 11/8/2021 for payment on his contract. Your affiant found proof that KLE received this payment via wire transfer on 11/8/2021 in KLE's FNB sales tax account.

Concerning Fred Wieder, Wieder paid KLE \$4,000.00 with a check on 10/7/2021. Your affiant found a copy of this check in the KLE sales tax account. It was deposited into this account on 10/12/2021.

Concerning George Fulton, Fulton paid KLE \$12,000.00 for his contract on 9/17/2021 with check #104. There was a copy of this check in his file with the KLE records. Your affiant also found that this check was deposited into Bloom's KLE FNB business account on 9/23/2021.

Your affiant has probable cause to believe that Michael Bloom committed the offenses charged in this complaint and there is probable cause to believe that the information contained in this complaint is truthful and correct. There is evidence that the defendant Bloom entered into contracts with six different victims with fraudulent intent and he never intended to complete any of these contracts.

First, Bloom contracted to install elevators for four out of five victims in November 2021 (the fifth was in the "fall of 2021.") While Bloom did take measurements and submit orders to SHC for all the victims except O'Master, Bloom never paid SHC any funds to construct the elevators. Thus, despite collecting \$86,110 total from the first five victims, Bloom transmitted none of this money to the manufacturer, SHC. Without those funds, SHC would not have manufactured the elevators.

Second, Bloom ignored communications from the victims, and refused to return any deposits. That he would not even respond to his customers is evidence of fraudulent intent.

Third, five of the six contracts entered in this case were done at times after Bloom's HICPA registration was revoked on 7/6/2021. Forte's contract was initiated on 3/9/2021. However, Bloom continued to collect money from her after his registration was revoked. Although this is not criminal, HICPA declares all these contracts as unenforceable against the homeowner. That Bloom would enter into six contracts in rapid succession that he knows are unenforceable is evidence he did not intend to complete them.



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The total amount of deposits taken from the six alleged victims by Bloom, for which he did not complete the work and refused to refund, is \$89,110.00.

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