

OHIO BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

CASE # 2012-28-1975

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Investigator: **David Wood**

Phone: **(513) 742-7529**

Case Date: **10/18/2012**

Office: **District 3 Southwest**

County: **Hamilton**

Case Status: **Closed - Inactive**

Address: **10948 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45231**

COMPLAINANT: **Ellis, Renee**

Complainant Type: **BMV Deputy Registrar Services**

SSN: **- -**

Relationship to Suspect:

DOB:

Agency #: **3155**

Driver License #:

Agency Name:

Home Phone:

Address: **3235 W. Galbraith Rd**

Work Phone: **(513) 741-7300**

Cincinnati, OH 45239

Cell Phone:

SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

Dealer #:

SSN: [REDACTED]

Business: **Uno Tax LLC dba
Fiesta Auto Insurance**

Occupation: **Owner**

DOB: [REDACTED]

Agency #:

Driver License #: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], OH 45240

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Height: **5' 5"** Weight: **180** Eyes: **Brown** Hair: **Brown** Gender: **F** Age: **26**

Dealer #:

SSN: [REDACTED]

Business: **Uno Tax LLC dba
Fiesta Auto Insurance**

Occupation: **Employee**

DOB: [REDACTED]

Agency #:

Driver License #: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OH 45240

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Height: **5' 5"** Weight: **200** Eyes: **Brown** Hair: **Brown** Gender: **F** Age: **20**

	Evidence Type	Evidence Description	Qty
1	BMV 5701 Certificate of Registration	App# 406588DK submitted 10/9/12 at DR3155	1.00
2	BMV 5701 Certificate of Registration	App# 406595DK submitted 10/9/12 at DR3155	1.00
3	BMV 5701 Certificate of Registration	App# 406590DK submitted 10/9/12 at DR3155	1.00
4	BMV 5701 Certificate of Registration	App# 406583DK submitted 10/9/12 at DR3155	1.00
5	BMV 5701 Certificate of Registration	App# 405064DK submitted 9/28/12 at DR3155	1.00

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6	BMV 5701 Certificate of Registration	App# 405063DK submitted 9/28/12 at DR3155	1.00
7	BMV 5701 Certificate of Registration	App# 406585DK submitted 10/9/12 at DR3155	1.00
8	BMV 5701 Certificate of Registration	App# 401468EM submitted 9/26/14 at DR3150	1.00

Narrative

SUBJECT OF INVESTIGATION: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] OH, 45240
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: [REDACTED]
DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]

BACKGROUND OF INVESTIGATION:

Deputy Registrar Renee Ellis, agency# 3155, 3235 W. Galbraith Rd, Cincinnati OH, 45239, reports that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] OH, 45240, Date of Birth (DOB) [REDACTED] Ohio License Number (OLN) [REDACTED] Social Security Number (SOC) [REDACTED] has been coming in to Ellis' agency to register vehicles for suspected illegal aliens. [REDACTED] owns Uno Tax LLC dba Fiesta Auto Insurance, 1238 W. Kemper Rd, Forest Park OH, 45240, and has previously been investigated by Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) Investigations for submitting suspicious vehicle registrations (see case# 2011-45-1491). Ellis provided me with copies of several suspicious registrations submitted by [REDACTED] on 9/28/12 and 10/9/12.

INVESTIGATIVE ACTIONS:

10/18/12: I spoke with BMV Investigator Alicia Robbins about this case since she generally investigates all cases originating in Hamilton County. Based on my previous investigation and familiarity with [REDACTED] operation it was agreed that I would handle this case.

At 0944 hours I arrived at [REDACTED] Cincinnati OH, 45246, the address used for Ohio registration FNW5478 to Paula's Confections. I met a Hispanic male at the door to the apartment who barely spoke English. I asked him if Paula's Confections operated out of the apartment or if someone named Paula resided there. He said he didn't know anyone named Paula but otherwise I was not able to understand him. I looked around the parking lot outside the apartment building and there was no sign of the 2002 Honda 4S (vehicle identification number (VIN):1HGCG55482A101268) registered to Paula's Confections. I went to the apartment complex office and met with Assistant Property Manager Katie Meade. Meade advised that [REDACTED] is the residence of [REDACTED]. I note that the power-granted-authority (PGA) form submitted by [REDACTED] to register this vehicle is not signed properly. Someone has printed "PJs owner" where the actual vehicle or business owner's signature is supposed to be.

At 1140 hours I arrived at 4699 Slade Dr, Fairfield OH, 45014, the address used for Ohio registrations to Chavez Service. No one responded to my knock at the door. There was no sign of the 2005 Gator trailer (VIN:4Z1UA08145S003360) bearing Ohio registration TPZ2525. The 2009 Chevrolet Truck (VIN:1GCEC14X19Z181600) bearing Ohio registration PHS6633 was parked in the driveway. I noted that the PGA form lists a renewal for Ohio registration FPC3510 on a 1999 Volvo S7A (VIN:YV1LT56DXX2584816) in addition to the plate for the Gator. There is no mention of the Chevrolet Truck on the PGA and I did not receive a copy of the vehicle registration application for the 1999 Volvo from the deputy registrar's office.

At 1200 hours I arrived at [REDACTED] OH, 45011, the address used for Ohio registration FCG2719 to [REDACTED]. No one responded to my knock at the door. A passing United States Postal Service mail carrier advised that she wasn't sure that the house was inhabited. There was no sign of the 2001 Chevrolet Truck (VIN:2GCEC19V211269009) parked on the street near the house.

10/31/12: I received a call from Investigator Kevin Selzer, State of Ohio Department of Insurance, ph# 614-644-3243, regarding this case. After discussing this case with him I told Selzer about [REDACTED], case# 2012-10-1954. He looked up [REDACTED] and it turns out the [REDACTED] is a licensed insurance agent, most likely for Farmers Insurance. I described to Selzer the amount of money that [REDACTED] made in just 4 days. Selzer indicated that he is going to speak with his legal department and will likely be opening an investigation on both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I

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offered to provide whatever assistance he might need to further his investigation.

11/28/12: This investigation is continuing.

12/17/12: At this time, BMV Investigations is pursuing alternative, non-prosecutorial methods for dealing with the problem of abusive vehicle registrations and title transfers among the illegal immigrant community. If it becomes reasonable and necessary to do so in the future this case can be reopened.

9/16/14: This case has been reopened due to its relative connection to case# 2012-10-1954 and 2014-45-1072 and several others.

10/2/14: I received a call from Tom Wiles, Deputy Registrar at agency 3150, indicating that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has a new employee at Uno Tax LLC dba Fiesta Auto Insurance, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Wiles advised that [REDACTED] submitted a POA VR on behalf of Cincinnati Cleaning JFM LLC, 9431 Haddington Ct, Cincinnati OH, 45251, application# 401468EM. Wiles is suspicious of this transaction because of [REDACTED] previous pattern of behavior relative to POAs and illegal aliens. I went to DR3150 and picked up the copy of VR# 401468EM. While there one of Wiles' employees remarked that [REDACTED] told her Fiesta Auto Insurance charged \$225 "service fee" for handling the registration. I searched Automated Title Processing System (ATPS) and Electronic Data Imaging System (EDIS) for records of Ohio Title# 3107361832 issued 9/26/14. The signatures of the buyer and seller on the assignment section of the preceding title, 3106354937, are identical albeit illegible. The seller's signature was notarized by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Both signatures on the title match the signature of owner on the POA form used by [REDACTED] to obtain Ohio registration GHS9402 on a 2002 Dodge Durango, VIN 1B4HS48N32F12744, for Cincinnati Cleaning JFM LLC. I printed Ohio Title# 3106354937 from EDIS and note that a power-of-attorney form was submitted in order to obtain it. The POA was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] OH, 45056. The form was notarized by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (prior to her marriage and name change). The titled owner was Star Cleaning Company LLC, 10171 Pippin Rd, Cincinnati OH, 45231. The transferee's acknowledgment of odometer certification on the preceding title, 3106354700, was signed in the same distinct but illegible hand on the POA used by [REDACTED] and notarized by [REDACTED]. Most likely the person(s) obtaining these titles are repeat customers or have some familial connection to [REDACTED].

11/6/14: I received a note from DR Tom Wiles that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has two women bringing in VRs on behalf of Fiesta Auto Insurance: Maria Guerra and Karla Guerra.

12/18/14: This case remains open but is not being actively worked at this time due to focus being placed on related cases 2012-10-1954 and 2014-45-1072.

2/26/15: This case remains open but is not being actively worked at this time due to focus being placed on related cases 2012-10-1954 and 2014-45-1072.

4/16/15: This case remains open but is not being actively worked at this time due to focus being placed on related cases 2012-10-1954 and 2014-45-1072.

5/7/15: I completed a review of [REDACTED] activities and found that she is no longer actively engaged in daily activity as a "title runner" as she was in 2012 and 2013. Based on this change in her behavior and my need to focus investigative efforts on other more substantial cases this investigation will be closed. If facts change the case can be re-opened.

Summary

This case is closed. The suspect is no longer engaging in the daily activities associated with being a "title runner" as she was several years ago. There are no active complaints from citizens about [REDACTED] activities.