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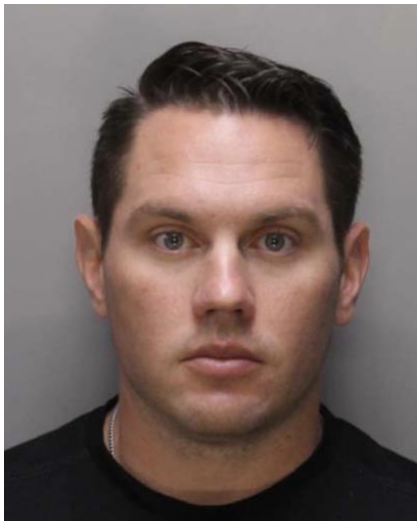
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SON-IN-LAW CHARGED WITH MULTIPLE FELONIES IN THEFT OF MORE THAN \$484,000 FROM A FAMILY BUSINESS



CHRISTOPHER OLEKSA

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Sept. 3, 2020) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Lower Salford Township Police Chief Thomas A. Medwid announce the arrest of Christopher Oleksa, 36, of Harleysville, Pa., on hundreds of felony counts related to the theft of more than \$484,000 of money belonging to Firely Pediatric and Home Care Services, owned by the defendant's in-laws.

John and Holly Firely, owners of Firely Pediatric and Home Care Services located in Harleysville, contacted the Lower Salford Police on April 13, 2020 to report that they had noticed numerous unauthorized and unexplained transactions on company bank accounts and credit cards. They turned over company financial records to detectives from 2014—when Oleksa became the company's chief operations officer—through April 2020.

The subsequent investigation found that Oleksa, who is married to the Firely's daughter, was using the company credit card for personal expenses and expenses related to attempting to start his own photography business. The defendant then altered the credit card statements to disguise the fraudulent, non-business-related transactions.

The fraudulent use of the company credit cards amounted to 3,908 transactions, dating from 2014 until the owners discovered the fraud in early 2020. Detectives also found that Oleksa had forged 21 business checks and deposited the funds into his personal bank accounts and made 16 unauthorized wire transfers from the business to his own accounts. The combined theft and misappropriation of funds from 2014 to 2020 totaled \$484,286.67.

Oleksa is charged with multiple felony counts of Identity Theft, Forgery, Access Device Fraud, Receiving Stolen Property and other charges related to the unauthorized accessing of the company credit card and business accounts. He was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Maureen Coggins, who set bail at \$50,000 unsecured, and Oleksa was released. The defendant waived his preliminary hearing.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney and Captain of the Economic Crimes Unit Christopher Daniels.

Approved for release:

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