



NASHUA POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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On May 11th, 2017 at approximately 5:11 PM detectives from the Criminal Investigation Division arrested Dana Michelle Lawrence, age 43, of 17.5 Jefferson Street, Nashua, New Hampshire for Identity Fraud, Class A Felony. She is also being held as a Fugitive from Justice on a warrant issued out of the State of Rhode Island for violations regarding an original charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

On May 10, 2017 detectives from the Criminal Investigation Division initiated an investigation into a volunteer grant writer who was attempting to work with the City of Nashua and local non-profit organizations. This grant writer at the time was identified as Genevieve Kaplan. The mayor's Chief of Staff, Kimberly Kleiner, reported that "Kaplan" was not following city grant writing protocol and that it had been learned that "Kaplan" had been attempting to obtain City of Nashua financial account information. During the course of the investigation detectives made contact with the landlord of 17.5 Jefferson Street who supplied the lease application that "Kaplan" filled out. On this application "Kaplan" provided a date of birth and a social security number. Detectives then conducted a check on the information that was supplied and were unable to locate anyone by the name and date of birth that "Kaplan" supplied. They also learned the social security number she provided belonged to another person.

Detectives responded to 17.5 Jefferson Street in order to speak with "Kaplan." There, they were informed by a male at the residence that she had left for New York. The next day detectives and an agent from the FBI responded to 17.5 Jefferson Street to speak with the male again. He again stated that "Kaplan" was in New York. A short time later the male notified investigators that "Kaplan" was not in New York and that she was currently on her way to the police department to speak to detectives.

Detectives were able to determine that "Kaplan" was not using her correct name but had been using the name "Kaplan" for the past 12 years. It was learned Kaplan's real name was Dana Michelle Lawrence and that she had lied on her lease credit application. Detectives then learned that Lawrence had an outstanding warrant out of the State of Rhode Island. Lawrence was subsequently arrested and charged with Identity Fraud, Class A Felony and Fugitive from Justice.

At this point in the investigation it does not appear the City of Nashua has suffered any financial loss or any account compromise.

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It is believed that Dana Lawrence is possibly involved in significant fraud schemes across the United States. It is likely that she has lived in or travelled through California, Colorado, Illinois, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Vermont and Maine. She has possibly been using the following aliases:

Genevieve Kaplan	08-06-1973
Genna Kaplan	08-06-1973
Genevieve Logan Morgan	07-01-1975
Dana Michelle Lawrence	08-06-1973
Tunisia Viana	08-16-1979
Dana Lawrence	08-06-1973

The Nashua Police Department is currently working in conjunction with the FBI in order to identify additional victims of Identify Fraud and/or theft.

The Nashua Police Department and the FBI requests anyone with more information on Dana Lawrence to contact the Nashua Police Department (603)-594-3500 or Special Agent Mark Hastbacka of the FBI at 603-471-9440 or the Nashua Crime Line at 603-589-1665.

A Class A Felony is punishable by up to 15 years imprisonment, exclusive of fines. Lawrence was arraigned on May 12, 2017 at the 9th Circuit-District Division-Nashua Court and her bail was set at \$100,000 cash only. Her probable cause hearing is set for May 25, 2017 at the 9th Circuit-District Division- Nashua Court.

