

Title: Presta Police Report Summary							
Objectives:	To compile a user friendly file highlighting key moments of the Police investigation report.						
Category of Info	Source	Key Figure(s)	Key Takeaway	Date	Highlights	Page # on police report	Relevant Attachments Description if applicable
Background	Report Context	Tanner Steward; CWU Paramedicine program	Officer Steward opened a fraud/theft investigation into employees of the CWU Paramedicine program.	7/26/2023	Officer Tanner Steward was assigned to open an investigation involving potential fraud/theft from CWU by employees of the school Paramedicine program.	3	
	IA Finding	Doug Presta	Subject caused CWU to be involved in non-CWU sponsored Conference.	7/26/2023	Internal Audit discovered that Doug Presta had led CWU to be involved in the Purser Paramedicine Conference, which was not a CWU sponsored event.	3	Information provided to Assistant Chief Twaits by Jesus Baldovinos
	IA Finding	Doug Presta	Subject pushed for a GL account for the conference despite nonapproval.	7/26/2023	It was communicated clearly to Doug that CWU will not be covering expenses for the conference. Yet, Doug continued to push for staff to make an account available.	3	Information provided to Assistant Chief Twaits by Jesus Baldovinos
	IA Finding	Doug Presta and Squarespace	CWU reimbursed a charge for a paysite, making it CWU property.	7/26/2023	Doug Presta purchased a third party paysite (SquareSpace) for \$353. Despite not being approved for the Conference the charge was reimbursed by CWU, meaning that it was university property and the funds collected needed to be accounted for by CWU.	3	Information provided to Assistant Chief Twaits by Jesus Baldovinos
	IA Finding	Mitch Russell	Close working relationship between subjects.	7/26/2023	Mitch Russell, Lecturer, had a close working relationship with Doug as a conference cohost.	4	Information provided to Assistant Chief Twaits by Jesus Baldovinos
	Email	Doug Presta and Mitch Russell	Subjects were unclear about ownership and whereabouts of the funds from the paysite.	7/27/2023	When inquired about whereabouts of funds collected through the paysite, Doug Presta and Mitch Russell were unclear about ownership and whereabouts of the funds. The website donations page, however states that contributions will be used to help bring more speakers and instructors to future conferences.	5	Information provided to Officer Steward by Jesus Baldovinos
	Email	Life Flight and Squarespace	Life Flight co-sponsored the conference but had no access to the paysite account.	7/31/2023	Life Flight paid \$10,000 to co-sponsor the Purser Paramedicine Conference, but had nothing to do with the set-up of the conference website. Lifeflight also claimed to have never received any reimbursement for co-sponsoring the event and stated the company had no access or oversight of the Squarespace account.	6	Information provided by Life Flight, Veronica Mitch-Jones

<b>Results of Investigation</b>	Police Interview	Tishra Beeson, Chair	Chair stated that subject was made aware that conference would not be sponsored by the university.	8/2/2023	Tishra Beeson told Officer Tanner that it had been made clear to Douglas Presta that the conference would not be sponsored by CWU and that department resources would not be permitted to fund the event. She did not realize the full extent of his actions until after the conference had happened.	8	
	Police Interview	Sheri Kinnan, Finance; Sathy, Dean of CEPS	Sheri Kinnan was unaware CWU was not a sponsor. Sathy confirmed the event was denied.	8/2/2023	Officer Tanner met with Sheri Kinnan who was not aware that the conference was not an approved CWU event. Officer Tanner confirmed with Sathy that the event was denied since it was not in the best interest of the university.	8	
	Search Warrant	Squarespace and Stripe, Inc.	Squarespace was uncooperative with a search warrant. Stripe, Inc. complied with a warrant and returned records of subject's transaction history.	8/9/2023	A search warrant was granted for the records related to the conference website that was being hosted by Squarespace to determine the whereabouts of the funds collected through the site. Squarespace was somewhat uncooperative and only provided limited records. Another search warrant was issued for the third-party payment service provider Stripe, Inc., who returned records showing a total of \$9,128 was received through the website and that Mitch Russell is in control of these funds.	10-20	
	Police Interview	Mitch Russell inquiry	Mitch Russell cooperated and shared financial records and that Doug Presta's personal bank account received funds from the paysite.	11/6/2023	There was a meeting with Mitch Russell in which he seemed surprised that the Purser Medicine Conference was not approved by the Dean of the college. He was however, aware of the denial of department funds. He shared financial records of the website that showed \$9,128 was received. He then stated that \$7,700.87 of the funds received through the website were transferred in two separate transactions to Douglas Presta's personal Bank of America account.	24	Financial records provided to officer Steward by Mitch Russell

	Search Warrant	Bank of America, Doug Presta	After review of Presta's accounts, there was probable cause to make an arrest for theft in the first degree.	11/29/2023	<p>A search warrant was granted for the Bank of America accounts belonging to Doug Presta. On 2/23/23, the first transaction from Mitch Russell of \$4,143.61 was deposited. On 3/10/23, Presta deposited \$13,000 from his bank account to his Charles Schwab Brokerage account. Had Presta not received the \$4,143.61, he would not have been able to make a \$13,000 transfer to his brokerage account.</p> <p>On 4/14/23, the second transaction from Mitch Russell of \$3,557.26 was deposited. Subsequently, Presta deposited another \$600 into his brokerage account and also continued to make payments which appear to be unrelated to the conference. Furthermore, by the end of November, 2023 the bank account in question had a balance of \$0.00. Taking this into account, there is probable cause to make an arrest for theft in the first degree.</p>	26-31	<p>9306 [Bank of America Statement] - page 3 of 48 and page 9 of 48</p> <p>9306 [Bank of America Statement] - page 13 of 48</p>
	Police Interview	Doug Presta	Subject was misleading after being contacted by police.	1/13/2024	Presta was contacted by the police following these findings. He stated several different explanations where the money went. On top of this, he stated that he would like to return the funds in order to make the situation right.	32	
	Police Interview	Doug Presta	Subject claimed he was not aware the conference was not approved.	1/20/2024	Separately, Presta claimed that he was not made aware that the Dean of the college had not approved the conference and that Sathy was difficult to work with, which is why he had resigned. He stated that this was a personal witch-hunt by Sathy and had no merit.	34	
	Police Interview	Doug Presta	Subject claimed he is actually owed money. However, if it's a big issue, he is a physician with lots of money.	1/20/2024	Presta claimed he never billed the University for his hours spent planning and working on the conference, but if he had, then it would amount to the University owing him more money than what was supposedly taken from the web site. Subject went as far as saying that he is a physician and therefore money is not an issue as he has over \$40,000 in an account.	35	
<b>Conclusion</b>	Report Context	Tanner Steward	Officer Tanner asked the case be forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.	1/25/2024	Officer Tanner completed a CSR and asked that this case be forwarded to the Prosecutor's office for a charging decision.	37	



# CWU Police Department

## Detail Incident Report

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**Incident Number:** U23-2333

**Reference Number:**

**Incident:** THEFT

**Area:** A2

**Observed:** Theft, Property, Other

**Location:** 400 E UNIVERSITY WAY; CWU

**When Reported:** 05:56:46 07/27/23

**Occurred Between:** 05:56:41 07/27/23

**And:** 05:56:41 07/27/23

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### COMPLAINANTS:

**Name:** BALDOVINOS, JESUS G.

**DOB:** [7]

**Race/Sex:** L/M

**Address:** [5]

**Home Phone:** [5]

**Work Phone:** () -

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### MENTIONED IN REPORT:

**Name:** RAJENDRAN, SATHYANARAYANAN

**DOB:** [7]

**Race/Sex:** /M

**Address:** [5]

**Home Phone:** [5]

**Work Phone:** () -

**Name:** BEESON, TISHRA L.

**DOB:** [7]

**Race/Sex:** W/F

**Address:** [5]

**Home Phone:** [5]

**Work Phone:** () -

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### SUSPECTS:

**Name:** RUSSELL, MITCHELL A.

**SSN:** - -

**DLWA**

**DL #:** RUSSEMA125

**STATE:**

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**State ID:**

**FBI #:**

**DOB:** 09/23/1988

**Race/Sex:** W/M

**Height:** 5'11"

**Weight:** 20

**Hair:** BLN

**Eyes:** BLU

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**Address:** 13202 126TH PL NE

KIRKLAND, WA 98034

**Home() -**

**Work() -**

**Phone:**

**Phone:**

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**Contact:** **Name:**  
**Address:** **Phone:**  
**Name:** PRESTA, DOUGLAS D.  
**SSN:** -- **DLWA** **DL #:** [9]  
**STATE:** Z  
**State ID:** **FBI #:**  
**DOB:** [7] **Race/Sex:** W/M **Height:** 6'00"  
**Weight:** 21 **Hair:** BRO **Eyes:** BRO  
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**Address:** [5]  
**Home** [5] **Work() -**  
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**Contact:** **Name:**  
**Address:** **Phone:**

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**NARRATIVE:****Name:** STEWARD, TANNER

Central Washington University Uniform Incident Report  
U23-2333 - 7/26/2023 - Theft

On 7/26/2023, I was assigned by Assistant Chief Eric Twaits to open an investigation involving a report of potential fraud/theft from Central Washington University by an employee or employees of the CWU Paramedicine program.

The information was provided to Assistant Chief Twaits by Jesus Baldovinos, Internal Audit Manager for CWU. Baldovinos' concern was that Douglas Presta and Mitchell Russell hosted an unauthorized professional conference on the CWU campus and used CWU State funds without proper authority. Baldovinos' initial e-mail of summary findings stated,

"Dr. Doug Presta's actions led to the involvement of CWU in the 2023 Purser Paramedicine Conference, as funds from donors were directed to CWU and subsequently utilized to cover the expenses associated with the conference. Additionally, Dr. Presta utilized CWU speedkeys to charge expenses related to the conference, resulting in the conference becoming CWU business. Further, Dr. Presta did not accept the organizational framework. Specifically,

- It was made clear that CWU will not be covering expenses for the conference. Yet, \$4,193 was claimed for reimbursement without receipts and \$22,402 were charged to CWU. \*Note: \$25,000 of donor checks were receipted at the CWU cashier's office for this event.
- It was made clear to Dr. Presta that a CWU account to collect donor checks was not in place since CWU was not hosting the conference. Yet, Dr. Presta continued to push for staff to make an account available.
- It was made clear that a third party paysite (SquareSpace) for the conference was not approved. Yet, the paysite cost of \$353 was claimed for reimbursement without a receipt.
- Despite CWU financing the paysite, thus making it CWU property, the funds received through the paysite appear to have been withdrawn by Co-Sponsor LifeFlight and amounts are unknown.
- When inquired about excess expenses, the funds collected through the paysite were discussed and Dr. Presta and Mitchell Russell were unclear about ownership

and whereabouts of the funds.

- It was made clear that CWU would not host the conference. Yet, Dr. Presta involved CWU financially.

In addition, it appears as if Mitchell Russell, Lecturer, had a close working relationship with Dr. Presta as a conference cohost, which could be subject to the same compliance issues."

On 7/27/2023, I spoke with Baldovinos in his office at Barge Hall about this case. Baldovinos stated that he first became involved in the situation when the Paramedicine department approached the University about the possibility of becoming a self-funded program. As part of that process, Baldovinos launched an internal audit of the program to determine the feasibility of the request. While auditing the program, Baldovinos began finding several compliance issues involving Presta's requests for reimbursements pertaining to personal travel and the Purser Paramedicine Conference.

When Baldovinos began looking into the conference, he discovered that it was not a CWU sponsored event, but that CWU money was used for the event. Baldovinos then stated that CWU funds cannot be used for non-university events/business as they are considered State funds and are subject to strict regulation.

Baldovinos shared with me his internal audit documents showing the unauthorized transactions for the conference that were charged to CWU speedkeys, as well as documentation showing Presta's request for reimbursement of purchases made on a personal credit card. Baldovinos also provided me this information on a jumpdrive which I have entered into CWU evidence.

Baldovinos stated that the conference cost the University approximately \$22,402. However, CWU received \$25,000 through registration fees paid by conference donors which was able to be used to cover the costs. Of that cost however, Presta submitted a reimbursement request for \$4,193, which CWU paid. Baldovinos stated that the payment should not have been made, as the event was not CWU sponsored and is therefore a loss to the University.

Additionally of note to Baldovinos was a third-party web site that was used to promote the conference and accept donations for the CWU Paramedicine program.

(The published web site in question is ppcellensburg.com. On 7/27/23, the site was still active and I was able to take screen captures of the sites pages for

documentation. However, on 8/1/2023, I discovered that the site was made private and no longer publicly accessible.)

Baldovinos provided copies of e-mails from Mitchell Russell to other University personal where he discusses planning the conference and states, "We have built a website for our upcoming paramedicine conference at squarespace.com and need a way to pay for the monthly costs... (e-mail 9/28/22)"

"...I have already built a website that is ready to be published and can handle the registration and collect money for attendees. (e-mail 9/29/2022)"

Baldovinos stated that in Presta's above mentioned reimbursement request, the cost of this web site was included. Baldovinos then stated that because CWU paid the reimbursement for the web site, it became CWU property and the funds collected needed to be accounted for by CWU and properly disbursed.

Baldovinos stated that during the continued course of his audit, he has been unable to determine the amount of funds collected through the site, and who currently holds these funds. Baldovinos provided e-mail correspondence between Sheri Kinnan, Tishra Beeson, Presta, and Russell discussing this issue.

Kinnan, CWU Academic Finance manager, stated that she ran a ledger for the paramed conference budget and that it was overspent by \$401.93 (e-mail 4/10/23). Beeson, CWU Department Chair of Health Sciences, then asks Presta and Russell their thoughts on how to cover the excess expenses (e-mail 4/13/23).

Presta then responds, "I know we still have some money from registrants online through Square space that can be used to cover this (e-mail 4/13/23).

Russell then replies that they are missing \$5,000 from a vendor and that he would re contact them to obtain the money which can then be used to cover the excess expenses. Additionally, Russell states, "...As to the Squarespace funds, the money is not ours, but belongs to our cosponsor, LifeFlight, and has long been withdrawn by them. Please let me know if you have any questions (e-mail 4/15/23).

Based upon the history of e-mail correspondence, this statement appears misleading, as the web site donations page states that contributions will be used to, "help bring more speakers and instructors to future conferences as well as allow us to bring guest speakers and instructors with valuable insight into the classroom for our EMT and Paramedic students." There is no mention that donated funds from the web site for the conference will go to Life Fight

Network.

I then reached out to Life Flight Network and spoke with Veronica Mitchell-Jones who is their Director of Business Development. Mitchell-Jones stated that Life Flight Network paid \$10,000 to be the co-sponsor of the Purser Paramedicine Conference but were not involved in the setup of the conference web site. Mitchell-Jones stated that she believed the conference was a CWU sponsored event, since it was branded as such and held at the University. Mitchell-Jones also stated that Life Flight Network never received any monetary contribution or reimbursement for co-sponsoring the event. When specifically asked about Russell's statement mentioning that Life Flight was the owner of the Squarespace funds and that they had been withdrawn, Mitchell-Jones reiterated that Life Flight Network had no access or oversight of the Squarespace account. (Copies of my e-mail correspondence with Mitchell-Jones have been attached to the case files in Spillman).

At this time, it appears that Russell is concealing information about ownership of the Squarespace funds and how much money was collected through the site donations portal.

Investigation continues.

This crime occurred on the Campus of Central Washington University within the City of Ellensburg located within Kittitas County, and the State of Washington.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Tue Aug 01 09:23:09 PDT 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Sergeant Andrew Bayne #614  
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NON DISCLOSURE NAME(S)

Distribution:

CWU Housing

- Student Success
  - ASPEN
  - Prosecutor
  - EPD
  - Comprehensive Mental Health
  - KCSO
  - CWU Health and Counseling
  - WSP
  - Lower District Court
  - BODY CAMERA
  - Child Protective Services
  - OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Juvenile Probation
  - Misdemeanant Probation
  - DOC
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** STEWARD, TANNER

**Date:** 05:27:36 08/03/23

Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 8/2/2023

On the above date, I meet with Tishra Beeson to discuss the Purser Paramedicine Conference. While talking with Beeson, she stated that it was made clear to Douglas Presta that the conference was not going to be a CWU sponsored event and that he could not use department resources to fund the event. She was then unaware of the full scope of his actions, using department resources, until after the event had occurred.

I then met with Sheri Kinnan to discuss the use of University accounts for this conference, and she stated that in her role, she regularly helps departments with conference budgeting. Kinnan stated that she was unaware that the Conference did not have CWU approval.

I later met with Sathyanarayanan "Sathy" Rajendran. Rajendran stated that he reviewed Presta's request to hold the conference and determined that it was not in the best interests of the University's finances. He denied the proposal and believed that was the end of it for the time being. Once discovering that the conference planning had continued through other channels at the pressuring of Presta, Rajendran ordered an internal audit of the Paramedicine program.

As mentioned in my main narrative report, the internal audit discovered several internal compliance issues with Presta. The audit showed that, while the conference was not sponsored by CWU, it became CWU business because of Presta's actions involving the University's finances. However, the conference did not cause any losses to University finances. In fact, the University was left with a surplus of money from conference registration and donor fees.

However, my investigation into the location and amount of donated funds collected through the conference web site, [www.ppcellensburg.com](http://www.ppcellensburg.com) hosted by Squarespace, continues. Presta's involvement in the web site's creation and his level of access to the site is still unknown at this time.

Investigation continues.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my

knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Thu Aug 03 08:16:19 PDT 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Sergeant Andrew Bayne #614  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** STEWARD, TANNER

**Date:** 11:50:37 08/09/23

Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 8/9/2023

On the above date, I drafted an application for a search warrant related to this case and reviewed it with the Kittitas County Prosecutors Office. The search warrant is for records related to the ppcellensburg.com web site that is hosted by Squarespace. I then applied for the Search Warrant and it was granted (2023-0162).

I then filled the search warrant with the Kittitas County Prosecutors Office.

Once back at the CWUPD office, I then served the search warrant through my department e-mail address to [privacy@squarespace.com](mailto:privacy@squarespace.com), addressed to the legal department.

Once the requested records are received, I will complete a search warrant return of service slip.

Investigation continues.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Wed Aug 09 11:53:59 PDT 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Sergeant Andrew Bayne #614

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** STEWARD, TANNER

**Date:** 21:39:09 09/08/23

Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 9/8/2023

On the above date, I sent a follow-up e-mail to Squarespace about the status of records that were requested per the search warrant for this case. The search warrant stated to return the records within 20 days, which Squarespace has failed to do. Squarespace acknowledged the receipt of the search warrant on 8/14/2023 and stated that they were going to notify the user about the request and provide them a chance to challenge the request. I have received no further communication from them since then.

Investigation continues.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Fri Sep 08 21:42:47 PDT 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Sergeant Ryan Whetstine #610

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** STEWARD, TANNER

**Date:** 00:12:31 09/22/23

Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 9/22/2023

On 9/11/2023, during my days off, I received an e-mail from SquareSpace in response to request for follow-up message asking for user records per the search warrant in this case. They stated that they needed to know if there was a non-disclosure order with the warrant before they could process the request.

On 9/15/23, during my next scheduled shift, I informed them that there was no non- disclosure order with the warrant.

On 9/22/23, when I arrived for my regularly scheduled shift, I received another response e-mail from Squarespace which read the following,

"Anya M. (Squarespace)  
Sep 19, 2023, 2:48 PM EDT  
Hi there,

We've received your message. We will provide user notice and, pending the user's response, we may provide you with records responsive to the request.

Thank you for your patience.  
Anya M.  
Trust & Safety"

Based upon this message, Squarespace is not providing the records per the requirement of the search warrant until the user has acknowledged the warrant or indicated that they will legally fight it.

I have not encountered this situation in response to a search warrant before, and have again informed Squarespace their duty to provide the records.

Investigation continues.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Fri Sep 22 00:22:42 PDT 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Lieutenant McPherson, #603

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** STEWARD, TANNER

**Date:** 01:25:12 10/07/23

Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 10/7/2023

On 10/6/2023, when I arrived for my regularly scheduled shift, I observed an e-mail from Squarespace in my work e-mail account that contained the requested information pursuant to my search warrant in this case, 2323-0162.

I reviewed the information which was extremely limited. Their information stated the following,

"Exhibit A

Domain www.ppcellensburg.com

Squarespace Built-in Domain ferret-puma-htf7.squarespace.com

Account Name Mitchell Russell

[REDACTED] [5]

USA

Account Telephone Number Not retained

Account Email Address cwuemt@gmail.com

Site Contributor Doug Presta

[REDACTED] [5]

Length and Type of Service Website Subscription Commerce Basic (Annual)

October 6, 2022 - present

Purchased with card 1

Domain Subscription (Annual)

October 6, 2022 - present

Free

Means and Source of

Payment For Service and

Billing Information

Credit Card 1

Name: Douglas Presta

Number: \*\*\*\*\*05861

Expiration Date: 02/2025

Type: Visa

Account Login IP Information Not retained

1 Squarespace does not retain complete credit card payment information.

Complete credit card payment information is available through our third-party payment service provider, Stripe"

Based on that information, I am still currently unable to determine how much money was donated through the website and where it was delivered too. My next step is to apply for a new search warrant in order to request records from Stripe, which Squarespace stated, "Complete credit card payment information is available through our third-party payment service provider, Stripe."

I also completed a search warrant return of service form which I will have a day-shift officer file with the Kittitas County Clerks office, Monday 10/8/2023 during regular business hours.

Investigation continues.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Sat Oct 07 01:33:13 PDT 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Lieutenant Marc McPherson #603  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** xNAVARRO, MICHE

**Date:** 13:35:02 10/09/23

Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 10/09/2023

On the above date Officer Steward asked me if I could go to the clerks office and file a warrant return from Squar Space. I went to the court house and filed the warrant returned.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: Navarro M. 627

Date: Mon Oct 09 13:38:04 PDT 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer:

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** STEWARD, TANNER

**Date:** 00:11:34 10/15/23

Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 10/14/2023

On the above date, I electronically applied for a search warrant to obtain account and financial information from Stripe, Inc. for records related to this case. The search warrant was approved and signed.

I then served the search warrant to the e-mail address I had located on Stripes website, LawEnforcement@stripe.com. However, when I sent the search warrant to that e-mail address, it returned as undeliverable. I then re-sent the search warrant via e-mail to another e-mail address I found on their web site, privacy@stripe.com, which goes to their Legal department customer support. They then responded that I send the search warrant to lerequests@stripe.com , which I did.

I will have a weekday, day-shift officer file the signed, electronic search warrant affidavit and search warrant Monday, 10/16/23, when the County Clerks Office opens for regular business hours.

Investigation continues

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Sun Oct 15 18:46:41 PDT 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Sergeant Andrew Bayne #614  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** STEWARD, TANNER

**Date:** 04:42:28 10/27/23

Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 10/26/2023

On the above date, I received an e-mail from Stripe stating that they are currently processing my search warrant request. They asked if I had a judge-signed court order prohibiting Stripe from notifying the user of my law enforcement request, and I respond that there was not.

At this time Stripe is continuing to process my request and I am waiting for the records.

Investigation continues.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Fri Oct 27 04:45:28 PDT 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Sergeant Andrew Bayne #614  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:****Name:** STEWARD, TANNER**Date:** 04:06:17 10/30/23

## Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 10/27/2023

On the above date, when I arrived for my regularly scheduled shift, I observed in my work e-mail account an e-mail from Stripe, Inc. that contained the requested information sought in regards to my search warrant for records.

I opened the e-mail which contained a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet labeled "PROD Mitchell Russell". The first tab on the spreadsheet is labeled "Account Information" and includes the following information:

Business Name: Purser Paramedicine Conference

Address: [5]

home address)

Product Description: Conference Sales

Company Rep: Mitchell Russell

Company Rep DOB [7]

SSN [4]

Owner email: cwuemt@gmail.com

account opening: 2022-10-06

Submission IP: 72.233.214.131 (this IP address returns to the Central Washington University network)

The second tab on the spreadsheet is labeled "Transactions" and included recorded information for a total of 93 monetary transactions. The data shows that the monetary transactions were recorded between 10/23/2022 and 3/25/2023. Under the "description" column it labels one "Donation" transaction for a total of \$10.00; Ten "Payment for Invoice" transactions for a total of \$1,615.00; and eighty-two "Charge for\_(payer e-mail address)\_" transactions totaling \$7,503.00.

The third tab on the spreadsheet is labeled "Login IPs" and shows 30 account logins from the user e-mail account "cwuemt@gmail.com". The logins were recorded during the timeframe between 10/23/2022 and 08/07/2023.

Under the "Transactions" tab it appeared that "charge for\_(payer e-mail address)\_" and "Donation" transactions were money received into the Stripe account, and "Payment for Invoice" transactions were money going out of the Stripe account. However, I e-mailed the Stripe LERequests account to confirm

this information and received the following response on 10/30/23,

"Hello Officer Steward,

Thank you for writing in. Transactions represent customer charges flowing into a merchant account. Merchants have control over what information is collected during transactions, including what "descriptions" are associated with transactions.

Sincerely,  
Stripe Law Enforcement Requests "

After fully looking at the received information, a total of \$9,128.00 was received through the web site by individuals donating to the Purser Paramedicine Conference through the web site [www.ppcellensburg.com](http://www.ppcellensburg.com); and that Mitchell Russell is in control of these funds.

I will attempt to meet with Russell to discuss the current whereabouts of these funds and the relinquishment of said funds to their rightful owner, Central Washington University.

Investigation continues.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Wed Nov 01 05:37:15 PDT 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Sergeant Andrew Bayne #614  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** xNAVARRO, MICHE

**Date:** 07:35:11 10/30/23

Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 10/16/2023

On the above date Officer Steward asked me if I could file the electronic search warrant and affidavit warrant from Stripe, Inc. with the clerks office. I filed the search warrant and affidavit warrant with the clerks office. This concluded my involvement with this case.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: Navarro M. 627

Date: Mon Oct 30 08:00:09 PDT 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Lieutenant Marc McPherson #603  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** GODINEZ, ADAN

**Date:** 11:01:51 10/30/23

Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 10/30/2023 - THEFT

On the above date at approximately 1027 hours, I hand delivered the Search Warrant Return for the above mentioned case to the Kittitas County Court Clerk's Office. The copies were turned in to Erin Gray at the CWU PD front office. This ends my involvement in this matter.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: A. Godinez #621

Date: 10/30/2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Sergeant Andrew Bayne #614

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** STEWARD, TANNER

**Date:** 13:40:10 11/01/23

Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 11/1/2023

On the above date, I sent a Public Disclosure Request form to publicdisclosure@cwu.edu for e-mail records of Douglas Presta and Mitchell Russell in relation to the Purser Paramedicine Conference.

Investigation continues.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Wed Nov 01 13:41:37 PDT 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Sergeant Andrew Bayne #614  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:****Name:** STEWARD, TANNER**Date:** 09:31:01 11/06/23

## Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 11/6/2023

On the above date, I met with Mitchell Russell at his office for an interview reference this case. I activated my body worn camera and informed Russell that I was recording our conversation. I also explained to Russell that he was not under arrest and that the interview was voluntary and he was free leave and end it at any time. Russell stated, "okay". I then proceeded to explain to Russell how this investigation came about, my current focus of the investigation, and what information I was seeking to find out from him.

Russell seemed surprised when I told him that the Purser Paramedicine Conference was not approved by the University and stated that he did not know the Dean of the college, Sathyanarayanan Rajendran, had said no to the conference. Russell said he knew that there were issues they had with trying to use department funds since they were constantly being denied use of their accounts, specifically the foundation account for the conference. Russell then stated that they set up their own account, to receive funds they generated, for use without having to use the other Paramedicine funds provided through the University.

I then asked Russell about the money generated through the web site, [www.ppcellensburg.com](http://www.ppcellensburg.com), and he opened the account and showed me the financial details. Russell also exported the records and sent them to my department e-mail account. After reviewing the account, it shows there was \$9,128.00 received which matches with the information I received from Stripe, Inc. pursuant to my search warrant. Additionally, the financial records listed further information to include \$292.67 paid in service fee charges, and \$1,134.49 refunded to donors. After deducting the service charges and refunds, there remained \$7,700.87 in available funds. Russell then stated that the \$7,700.87 was paid out to a bank account belonging to Douglas Presta. \$4,143.61 on 2/23/2023 and \$3,557.26 on 4/14/2023. Both to Bank of America account #\*\*\*\*9306, Routing #125000024. Russell stated this was done so that Presta could pay for the conference costs since they didn't know how to put it in the paramedicine special events account. However, it is unknown if Presta used this money to pay for conference costs or not, as there are no receipts for me to review.

Douglas Presta was the direct supervisor for Mitchell Russell and Russell was acting on Presta's direction to assist with creating a meaningful conference for

the Paramedicine program. Russell's involvement was to benefit the program and to use the donations for the program as solicited. Presta is the last known individual to be in possession of the donated funds as they were deposited into his Bank of America Account.

Presta will need to be interviewed to further deduce and gain evidence of how the funds were spent, if there are remaining funds left, or if the funds have remained untouched.

Investigation continues.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Tue Nov 07 06:02:54 PST 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Sergeant Ryan Whetstine #610  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** STEWARD, TANNER

**Date:** 13:10:50 11/29/23

Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 11/29/2023

On 11/28/2023, I completed an application for a sealed search warrant related to this case for Bank of America records belonging to Douglas Presta. On 11/29/2023, I was granted the sealed search warrant (2023-0252) and filed it with the Kiittitas County Clerks office.

I then attempted to fax the search warrant to Bank of America, N.A., Legal Order & Case Resolution Operations office as directed per instructions from their Law Enforcement Liaison Team. However, the fax failed multiple times. I then sent a hard copy of the search warrant via certified mail to the following address:

Bank of America, N.A.  
Legal Order & Case Resolution Operations  
800 Samoset Drive  
DE5-024-02-08  
Newark, DE, 19713

A copy of the search warrant and associated filings to seal have been uploaded to Spillman.

At this time, I am awaiting the requested records from Bank of America.

Investigation continues.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Fri Dec 01 17:11:11 PST 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Lieutenant Marc McPherson #603  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** STEWARD, TANNER

**Date:** 09:25:32 12/18/23

Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 12/13/2023

On the above date, I received an e-mail from Melissa Croft at Bank of America. Croft's title is Officer, Litigation Specialist II, High Priority/Escalations Team. Croft provided me with the requested documents pursuant to the search warrant that I had served via mail to Bank of America on 11/29/2023.

The documents are digital in nature and have been attached to the Files tab in Spillman. I received bank statements for three bank accounts belonging to Douglas Presta. The accounts end in 9306, 7442, and 2639.

I completed a search warrant return of service form and filed it with the Kittitas County Clerks office.

Additionally, on 12/15, I received an e-mail from Chery Byers in the CWU Business Services office. Her e-mail was in response to my public records request from Central Washington University, [publicdisclosure@cwu.edu](mailto:publicdisclosure@cwu.edu), for e-mail records of Douglas Presta and Mitchell Russell in relation to the Purser Paramedicine Conference. Officer Godinez retrieved the jump drive with the records and placed it on my patrol box at the CWUPD office. On 12/18/2023, when I arrived for my next regularly scheduled duty shift, I reviewed the e-mail records and entered the jump drive in to evidence. Nothing of note related to the movement of monetary funds from the PPCellensburg web site to Presta's personal bank account was observed discussed in the provided e-mails.

Investigation continues.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Mon Dec 18 09:40:29 PST 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Lieutenant Marc McPherson #603  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:****Name:** STEWARD, TANNER**Date:** 13:16:17 12/20/23

## Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 12/20/2023

Based upon my review of Douglas Presta's Bank of America account records I believe there is probable cause to arrest him for RCW 9A.56.040 - Theft in the first degree.

On or around 10/06/2022, Mitchell Russell and Douglas Presta created the PPCEllensburg.com website in order to solicit donations for the Paramedicine program at Central Washington University for which Presta was the program director. The web site donations page stated that contributions will be used to, "help bring more speakers and instructors to future conferences as well as allow us to bring guest speakers and instructors with valuable insight into the classroom for our EMT and Paramedic students."

The conference took place at CWU on March 24-26, 2023.

Through the use of search warrants, I learned that the website donations portal received a total of \$9,128.00 from donors. I then interviewed Russell on 11/6/2023, as his name was listed as the owner of the website. After interviewing Russell I further learned that there was \$292.67 paid in service fee charges for the payment processing platform, and \$1,134.49 refunded to donors. After deducting the service charges and refunds, there remained \$7,700.87 available to the paramedicne program for use.

On 2/23/2023, Presta directed Russell to deposit \$4,143.61 into his (Presta's) personal Bank of America account (ending in 9306). This was stated for the purpose of Presta paying for conference costs directly since they were reportedly having issues moving the money into the CWU created paramedicine special events account. Russell had no reason to believe that Presta would use the money for any reason other than paying for conference costs. Presta was Russell's direct supervisor.

On 3/10/2023, Presta took \$13,000.00 from his Bank of America account (ending in 9306) and deposited it in to his Charles Schwab Brokerage account. Had Presta not deposited the \$4,143.61 into his bank account, there would have been insufficient funds to make the \$13,000 transfer. The account also shows payments for life insurance, a cash withdrawal, and a \$260 transfer to his checking

account (ending in 2639).

Then on 4/14/2023, Presta again directed Russell to deposit the remaining \$3,557.26 from the website donation funds into his (Presta's) personal Bank of America account (ending in 9306). Over the next several months, there are then multiple transfers to his checking account (ending in 2639), another \$600 transfer to the Charles Schwab Brokerage account, more life insurance bill payments, movement of funds to another of Presta's Bank of America savings account (ending in 7442), and other money transfer payments to outside individuals. As of 11/28/2023, the account shows a balance of \$0.00.

A further review of Presta's other Bank of America accounts ending in 7442 and 2639, show no obvious signs of funds having been used for the CWU paramedicine program which is what donors were informed they would be used for. The bank statements at the time of the conference and in the months after show a regular pattern that looks like routine everyday spending expenses. It should also be noted that Presta had used a personal credit card to pay for some paramedicine conference expenses, but he had submitted to CWU a request for reimbursement of those charges which CWU reimbursed.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Mon Dec 25 06:30:13 PST 2023

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Sergeant Andrew Bayne #614  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** STEWARD, TANNER

**Date:** 00:48:23 01/14/24

Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 1/13/2024

On the above date, I located a phone number for Douglas Presta and spoke with him via phone. The original phone number I had been using was off by one digit which explained why my calls were not being returned.

I introduced myself to Presta and advised him the reason I was calling. I also informed Presta that the call was being recorded. I had placed the phone on speaker and activated my body worn camera to record the conversation.

I informed Presta that I was looking into missing money from the Purser Paramedicine conference, specifically the whereabouts of funds from the PPCEllensburg.com website. When I asked if he remembered where that money went, he stated that he and Mitchell Russell had worked together to place it in one of the three CWU owned accounts, possibly the Foundations account. I then informed him that I had records showing that the money had been deposited into his personal Bank of America account. Presta then stated that he believes he had done a Zelle transfer to Mitchell Russell to put the money back into the program. I asked Presta if he could locate a receipt for that transaction. Presta stated that he understood the co-mingling of money looked bad and that he wanted to meet with me to go over the records to help show where the money had been spent. He stated if it had been transferred into his brokerage account then it is still sitting there and he'd like to make this right. He also asked if Mitchell Russell could be present and I stated I would contact him to find out.

I set up a in-person meeting with Presta for January 19th at 1700 hours.

I later tried contacting Russell via phone and left him a message to call me back.

Investigation continues.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Sun Jan 14 01:00:59 PST 2024

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Sergeant Andrew Bayne #614  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:****Name:** STEWARD, TANNER**Date:** 21:07:19 01/20/24

## Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 1/20/2024

In my previous supplemental report on 1/14/2024, I had set up an in person interview with Douglas Presta to be held at the CWUPD office on 1/19/2024. However, after that meeting was set up, Presta indicated that he needed to make the meeting on-line instead of in person. My e-mail correspondence with Presta has been added to the Spillman files.

On 1/20/2024, at approximately 1705 hours, I activated my body worn camera and spoke with Presta over the phone about this case. I had attempted to set up a Microsoft Teams video conference interview but ran into technical difficulties forcing me to conduct the interview over speaker phone. I advised Presta that our call was being recorded.

I began to provide Presta with details of my investigation up to this point. He indicated the he had not been told by Sathyanarayanan "Sathy" Rajendran that he could not go forward with the conference. He also stated that Sathy was difficult to work for and that is why he resigned his position. He mentioned having lawyers and filing a potential harassment lawsuit against Sathy for his workplace conduct against him.

I began to go over the bank records with Presta, and he advised me that his Bank of America account was closed so he did not have access to the specific bank account records that I had which were received pursuant to my sealed search warrant. This made trying to discuss and determine with Presta which individual purchases on his accounts were directly related to University business and covered by the money that had been deposited into his account from the PPCellensburg web site stripe account. Ultimately, we were only able to identify one \$500 payment that Presta indicated was used to pay for conference related costs. The \$500 transfer was from account ending in 9306 to account ending in 2639, and then was transferred via Zelle to Joseph Galindo. This occurred on 4/14/2023 and is documented on the bank records. Presta also e-mailed me a screen shot of his Zelle transfers showing the same payment information.

Of note, on the Zelle transfer screen shot was a May 18,2023 payment to Mitchell Russell for \$2,348.95 which stated for, "Conference account plus cadaver training money your portion". This payment to Russell failed and never went

through.

Presta explained that this was him trying to give the account money back to Russell so he could continue to pay the conference costs. Presta also stated that he believed Russell had a google sheet with the expense records showing where every penny went. Presta additionally stated that it was Russell who had asked him if they could put the money into his (Presta's) account and then not tell the University about it so they could have full control over it to cover different expense needs as they came up. Eventually, working at the University became to difficult for Presta due to Sathy's behavior and he resigned. He stated that he then forgot about the money in his account. Presta asked who he needed to contact to write a check to and return the money and I told him I did not know and that was between him and the University. I advised him to call his former supervisor and see what they wanted to do. Presta stated that he had no malicious intent to ever take money from the University and that he wanted to make this right and move on.

Presta stated that he would be going in to Bank of America to get his account records and would review them to further provide me with additional information on what expenses were Conference related so that amount could be subtracted from the total amount we were discussing, which was \$7,700.87.

Presta also wanted to point out that this was a personal witch hunt by Sathy against him because of their relationship and that this had no merit. He stated that he never billed the University for his hours spent planing and working on the conference, but if he had, then it would amount to the University owing him more money than what was supposedly taken from the web site stripe account essentially making this a mute issue.

I again reiterated to Presta that I was just trying to account for the money to make sure it was used appropriately and he stated he understood. He wanted to make sure I documented that he was cooperative and forthcoming with information and answered all my questions in good faith and that he was trying to make things right. He further stated he is a physician and has an account with over forty thousand dollars in it, so it's not about the money. He can pay it back to the University, he just needs to know how much. I again indicated that he needed to review his bank statements and provide me with receipts, or indicate what costs were used for University business. He stated he would and I then thanked him for his openness and ended the phone interview. Our conversation lasted approximately 50 minutes.

Based on information provided by Presta, I will reach out to Russell again in

order to confirm or dispel some of Presta's above statements. However, based on my conversation with Presta, he stated that, based on the documents I was looking at, it appears he is still in control of some of the money.

Investigation continues.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Sat Jan 20 22:06:54 PST 2024

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Sergeant Andrew Bayne #614  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** STEWARD, TANNER

**Date:** 03:40:46 01/25/24

Supplemental Report

U23-2333 - 1/25/2024

On 1/22/2024, I received an e-mail forwarded to me from Chief Jason Berthon-Koch related to this case. The e-mail was a conversation between Tishra Beeson and Mitchell Russell and read,

"Hello Tishra,

I spoke with Doug Presta today regarding the missing funds from the conference account. If you have time to give me a call to discuss options for the repayment I would greatly appreciate it. [REDACTED] [5]

Tishra then forwarded the e-mail to Chief Berthon-Koch.

I have added the e-mail to the files in Spillman.

I have also completed a CSR and have asked that this case be forwarded to the Prosecutors office for a charging decision.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: T. Steward #624

Date: Thu Jan 25 03:47:08 PST 2024

Place: Ellensburg, Washington

Approving Officer: Lieutenant Marc McPherson #603  
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## Jesus Baldovinos

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**From:** Eric Twaites  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 11:13 AM  
**To:** Tanner Steward  
**Cc:** Andrew Bayne  
**Subject:** FW: Unauthorized transactions by Faculty Doug Presta

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Tanner,

Can you look into this please. Looks like possibly fraud/maybe/theft.

Cheers,

Eric

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**From:** Jesus Baldovinos <Jesus.Baldovinos@cwu.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 11:12 AM  
**To:** Eric Twaites <Eric.Twaites@cwu.edu>  
**Subject:** Unauthorized transactions by Faculty Doug Presta

Eric,  
Here is a summary of the police report of unauthorized transactions by faculty Doug Presta we discussed. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

**Subject:** Unauthorized Transactions  
**Date of event:** March 2023  
**Involved Employees:** Dr. Douglas Presta, Faculty; and Mitchell Russell, Lecturer  
**CWU Program:** Paramedicine  
**College:** CEPS  
**College Supervisors:** Sathy Rajendran, Dean; and Tishra Beeson, Chair  
**Description of Event:**

Dr. Doug Presta's actions led to the involvement of CWU in the 2023 Purser Paramedicine Conference, as funds from donors were directed to CWU and subsequently utilized to cover the expenses associated with the conference. Additionally, Dr. Presta utilized CWU speedkeys to charge expenses related to the conference, resulting in the conference becoming CWU business. Further, Dr. Presta did not accept the organizational framework. Specifically,

- It was made clear that CWU will not be covering expenses for the conference. Yet, \$4,193 was claimed for reimbursement without receipts and \$22,402 were charged to CWU.
  - Note: \$25,000 of donor checks were receipted at the CWU cashier's office for this event.
- It was made clear to Dr. Presta that a CWU account to collect donor checks was not in place since CWU was not hosting the conference. Yet, Dr. Presta continued to push for staff to make an account available.
- It was made clear that a third party paysite (SquareSpace) for the conference was not approved. Yet, the paysite cost of \$353 was claimed for reimbursement without a receipt.
- Despite CWU financing the paysite, thus making it CWU property, the funds received through the paysite appear to have been withdrawn by Co-Sponsor LifeFlight and amounts are unknown.

- When inquired about excess expenses, the funds collected through the paysite were discussed and Dr. Presta and Mitchell Russell were unclear about ownership and whereabouts of the funds.
- It was made clear that CWU would not host the conference. Yet, Dr. Presta involved CWU financially.

In addition, it appears as if Mitchell Russell, Lecturer, had a close working relationship with Dr. Presta as a conference cohost, which could be subject to the same compliance issues.



**Jesús Baldovinos**

Internal Audit Manager  
Finance & Administration - Internal Audit  
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**From:** [Veronica Mitchell-Jones](#)  
**To:** [Tanner Steward](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Purser Paramedicine Conference Inquiry U23-23333  
**Date:** Monday, July 31, 2023 12:59:43 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)  
[Life Flight Invoice.pdf](#)  
[Purser Paramedicine Program.msg](#)  
[CWU Purser Paramedic Conference March 25-26th 2023.msg](#)  
[Re Paramedicine Conference .msg](#)  
[Life Flight Network .msg](#)  
[Fwd CWU Conference Advertisement.msg](#)  
[CWU Conference.msg](#)  
[RE Conference.msg](#)

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Officer Steward,

Attached you will find several correspondences with Doug Presta and Mitchell regarding the CWU conference.

Life Flight Network sponsored the CWU conference along with several other vendors.

Life Flight Network issued a sponsorship check in the amount of \$10,000, check # 152465, on 12/21/2022. This check cleared LFN's bank on 1/5/2023.

No inbound funds were collected from CWU or affiliated staff members.

Conference Website provided by Doug Presta - <https://www.ppcellensburg.com/>

Conference marketing video by Doug Presta -

<https://cwu.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=75220324-3734-4fb2-877c-af96010e74df>

Please let me know if you have additional questions or needs, my contact information is below.

**Veronica Mitchell-Jones | Director of Business Development**

Mobile 208-553-9944

Life Flight Network | [www.lifeflight.org](http://www.lifeflight.org)



Purser Paramedic Conference  
400 E. University Way  
Ellensburg, Wa 98926

(509) 963-1379  
Douglas.presta@cwu.edu  
Mitchell.russell@cwu.edu

DATE:  
12/16/2022  
  
INVOICE#:  
19730001

PAYMENT:  
Please make checks  
payable to Central  
Washington University  
with "Purser Paramedic  
Conference" in the memo

SHIP TO:  
N/A

BILL TO:  
Life Flight Network  
22285 Yellow Gate  
Lane, Suite 102  
Aurora, OR 97002

DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	ITEM TOTAL
Cosponsorship	1	\$10,000	\$10,000

Platinum Sponsorship plus cosponsor recognition on all advertisements and during conference, 5 minutes of stage time at opening and closing of conference, 20 conference passes, meeting space during conference, sole provider with a static display of helicopter.

SUBTOTAL	\$10,000
SHIPPING	N/A
TAX RATE	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS

**From:** [Mitchell Russell](#)  
**To:** [Tanner Steward](#)  
**Subject:** Re: CWU Paramedicine Conference  
**Date:** Monday, November 6, 2023 8:20:30 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image.png](#)  
[Stripe balance history.csv](#)  
[Stripe Bank Account.png](#)  
[Stripe Payouts.png](#)  
[Outlook-wl4zsaip.png](#)

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Hello,

Here are the screenshots from the Stripe account.

Thank you,



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**From:** Tanner Steward <[Tanner.Steward@cwu.edu](mailto:Tanner.Steward@cwu.edu)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2023 1:31 PM  
**To:** Mitchell Russell <[Mitchell.Russell@cwu.edu](mailto:Mitchell.Russell@cwu.edu)>  
**Subject:** Re: CWU Paramedicine Conference

Monday morning at 8 would be just fine, I'll stop by your office then.

Thank you,



**Tanner Steward**  
Police Officer  
University Police and Public Safety  
Office: 509-963-2959  
KITTCOM dispatch: 509-925-8534  
400 E. University Way  
Ellensburg, WA 98926  
[Tanner.Steward@cwu.edu](mailto:Tanner.Steward@cwu.edu)

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**From:** Mitchell Russell <[Mitchell.Russell@cwu.edu](mailto:Mitchell.Russell@cwu.edu)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2023 1:22 PM  
**To:** Tanner Steward <[Tanner.Steward@cwu.edu](mailto:Tanner.Steward@cwu.edu)>  
**Cc:** Jason Berthon-Koch <[Jason.Berthon-Koch@cwu.edu](mailto:Jason.Berthon-Koch@cwu.edu)>

**Subject:** Re: CWU Paramedicine Conference

Hello,

We have an unorthodox schedule and I am not on campus some days. I have time Monday morning from 8-9:30 and anytime Tuesday morning.

Thank you,

Mitchell Russell

**Mitchell Russell - PM, SEIC**

Lecturer - EMT Program

400 E University Way

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**From:** Tanner Steward <Tanner.Steward@cwu.edu>

**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2023 11:47:12 AM

**To:** Mitchell Russell <Mitchell.Russell@cwu.edu>

**Cc:** Jason Berthon-Koch <Jason.Berthon-Koch@cwu.edu>

**Subject:** RE: CWU Paramedicine Conference

Hello,

I appreciate you reaching out, is there a time available where you are on campus when we can meet? I am happy to go over everything with you. I also have a couple of questions to ask as well. I've stopped by your office a few times over the past week, but each time you've been out.

Thank you,



**Tanner Steward**

Police Officer

University Police and Public Safety

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**From:** Mitchell Russell <[Mitchell.Russell@cwu.edu](mailto:Mitchell.Russell@cwu.edu)>

**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2023 11:38 AM

**To:** Jason Berthon-Koch <[jason.berthon-koch@cwu.edu](mailto:jason.berthon-koch@cwu.edu)>

**Subject:** CWU Paramedicine Conference

Hello Chief Berthon-Koch,

My name is Mitchell Russell and I am with the Paramedicine Program. I received an email from a company called Stripe that we used for our Paramedicine Conference, stating that an account registered under my name had received a search warrant from the CWU Police. I am curious as to what issues there may be regarding this account and would like to request a copy of the warrant issued to Stripe. Any information would be appreciated.

Thank you,



# Balances

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Amount		Bank/card		Date
\$3,557.26	USD	<span>Paid</span>	Bank of America **** 9306	Apr 14
\$4,143.61	USD	<span>Paid</span>	Bank of America **** 9306	Feb 23

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## Deposits and other additions

Date	Description	Amount
02/23/23	PPC Ellensburg DES:PPC Ellens ID:ST-S7G8L6F5I1E1 INDN:MITCHELL RUSSELL CO ID:4270465600 CCD	4,143.61
02/24/23	Interest Earned	0.06

**Total deposits and other additions** **\$4,143.67**

## Withdrawals and other subtractions

### Other subtractions

Date	Description	Amount
02/02/23	Online scheduled transfer to CHK 2639 Confirmation# 1728611286	-5,089.95
02/13/23	Online Banking transfer to CHK 2639 Confirmation# 4831200925	-700.00
02/24/23	NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE Bill Payment	-700.00
02/24/23	NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE Bill Payment	-700.00

**Total other subtractions** **-\$7,189.95**

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## Deposits and other additions

Date	Description	Amount
03/08/23	Online Banking transfer from SAV 7442 Confirmation# 4631785360	7,000.00
03/29/23	Interest Earned	0.06
<b>Total deposits and other additions</b>		<b>\$7,000.06</b>

## Withdrawals and other subtractions

### Other subtractions

Date	Description	Amount
03/02/23	WA TLR cash withdrawal from SAV 9306	-1,300.00
03/10/23	SCHWAB BROKERAGE DES:MONEYLINK ID:558622428631900 INDN:DOUGLAS DARREN PRESTA; CO ID:9005586224 WEB	-13,000.00
<b>Total other subtractions</b>		<b>-\$14,300.00</b>

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## Deposits and other additions

Date	Description	Amount
04/14/23	PPC Ellensburg DES:PPC Ellens ID:ST-A4C7G6M4M5Y9 INDN:MITCHELL RUSSELL CO ID:4270465600 CCD	3,557.26
04/26/23	Interest Earned	0.04
<b>Total deposits and other additions</b>		<b>\$3,557.30</b>

## Withdrawals and other subtractions

### Other subtractions

Date	Description	Amount
04/05/23	Online Banking transfer to CHK 2639 Confirmation# 4366573102	-260.00
04/14/23	Online Banking transfer to CHK 2639 Confirmation# 4449363714	-500.00
<b>Total other subtractions</b>		<b>-\$760.00</b>

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Date: 11/29/2023

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**Bank of America, N.A.**

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Hello,

Please see included legal search warrant for bank account records.

Records can be returned to my department e-mail address [Tanner.Steward@cwu.edu](mailto:Tanner.Steward@cwu.edu) or they can be physically mailed to me at 1211 N. Wildcat Way, Ellensburg, WA 98926 ATTN: Ofc. Tanner Steward

Thank you,

Tanner Steward #624

Signature:  #624

Date Signed: 11/29/23

Place Signed: Ellensburg, WA. 98926



1 2. Seize records for the account(s) associated with Douglas Presta, DOB [7], SSN  
2 [4], for the date range DATE RANGE 02/23/2023 – 11/22/2023, that are  
3 evidence of the above-listed crimes, including:

- 4 • Savings and Checking Account Records: Including records reflecting dates and  
5 amounts of deposits, withdrawals, interest, debit and credit memos, deposit slips,  
6 checks deposited, withdrawal slips, and checks issued for withdrawals, bank  
7 statements, checks drawn on the account, records pertaining to all debit and credit  
8 memos, and Forms 1099 issued.
- 9 • Records of other Funds Transfers: Including purchases of bank checks, cashier, teller,  
10 travelers' check records, or money order records including the check register, file  
11 copies of the checks or money orders, records revealing the date and source of  
12 payment for said checks or money orders;
- 13 • Other Records: Records of flow of funds into or out of the identified accounts  
14 including certified checks, wire transfers, or collections, letters of credit, bonds and  
15 securities purchased, savings bond transactions and investment accounts. Including  
16 records that disclose the date and amount of the transaction, method (cash or check)  
17 and source of payment, instruments and statements of transactions;
- 18 • Evidence of dominion and control of the account including account holder's name(s),  
19 SSN, phone number(s), email address(es), home address, billing address, linked  
20 accounts, and similar identifying information;
- 21 • Videos or other imaging available for all in-person transactions during the above date  
22 range; and
- 23 • IP logs, phone logs or similar customer engagement information for all on-line or  
24 telephonic transactions during the above date range.

25 The Court finds that disclosure of the existence of this warrant and application, to any  
26 person, including the account holder(s) to which the records relate, would contravene and  
27 frustrate the exercise and purpose of this warrant; endanger the life or physical safety of an  
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1 individual; risk flight from prosecution; risk destruction of or tampering with evidence; risk  
2 intimidation of potential witnesses; and/or otherwise seriously jeopardize an investigation.

3 Therefore the Court hereby orders that the entity to whom this warrant is addressed is  
4 prohibited from disclosing the existence of this warrant and application to any person, including  
5 the account holder(s) to whom the warrant relates, except that the entity may disclose the warrant  
6 and application to its legal counsel for purpose of receiving legal advice.

7 *California Requirement. Pursuant to CA Assembly Bill No. 1242, I declare the evidence*  
8 *sought by this warrant/order is not related to an investigation into, or enforcement of, a matter*  
9 *involving personal reproductive decisions.*

10 Promptly return this warrant to me or the clerk of this court; the return must include an  
11 inventory of all property seized.

12 A copy of the warrant and a receipt for the property taken shall be given to the person from  
13 whom or from whose premises' property is taken. If no person is found in possession, a copy and  
14 receipt shall be conspicuously posted at the place where the property is found.

15 Date/Time: 11-29-23 at 9:07a.m.

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17 Signature:   
18 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

19 Printed Judge's Name: L. Condaethese  
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