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ST. JOHNS COUNTY WOMAN ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF SCHEEMING TO DEFRAUD AND GRAND THEFT

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A 49-year old St. Johns County woman was arrested last week on charges of scheming to defraud over \$20,000 and grand theft over \$20,000 following a lengthy investigation. Financial Crimes Detectives arrested the suspect who was identified as **Lisa Jayne Hook**, 49, 1312 Brentwood Ct. She was booked into the County Jail where she remains in lieu of bonds totaling \$50,500.

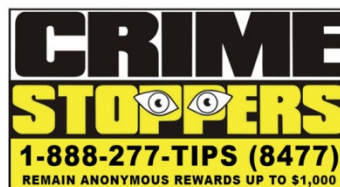
Financial Crimes Detectives began the investigation last October when a relative of a 60-year old disabled man discovered alleged suspicious activity involving the suspect. The investigation revealed that the suspect allegedly used the victim's personal identity to open an online bank account in November of 2016. This was done in anticipation of an alleged scheme to sell the victim's land in another state without his knowledge. The suspect then allegedly fraudulently obtained power of attorney with a friend notarizing the documents.

A year ago, the suspect produced the power of attorney and notarized court documents to probate the victim's deceased mother's estate. The suspect then attended the real estate closing and was presented a check for nearly \$28,000 that was then deposited in the victim's account that the suspect fraudulently opened, giving her full access to the money.

According to the arrest affidavit the investigation revealed the suspect allegedly committed these crimes knowing that the victim was vulnerable and could easily be taken advantage of due to his medical conditions; thereby enriching herself from the illegally obtained proceeds from the sale of the victim's land and his inheritance.

The investigation is continuing.

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