



# Highland Police Department

Police Report for Incident 20HI00289

**Nature:** Theft-Auto

**Address:** 8820 INDIANAPOLIS BLVD;  
TRUCK RENTAL  
HIGHLAND IN 46322

**Location:** HI204

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**Offense Codes:**

**Received By:** BRADFORD A

**How Received:** 9

**Agency:** HIPD

**Responding Officers:**

**Responsible Officers:** GARZA G

**Disposition:** CCF 03/17/20

**When Reported:** 12:04:26 01/10/20

**Occurred Between:** 12:04:00 01/10/20 and 12:04:01 01/10/20

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**Assigned To:**

**Detail:**

**Date Assigned:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

**Status:**

**Status Date:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

**Due Date:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

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**Complainant:** 060N57596

**Last:** ALLARD

**First:**

**Mid:**

RENTAL

CORPORATION

**DOB:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

**Dr Lic:**

**Address:** 8820 INDIANAPOLIS BLVD

**Race:**

**Sex:**

**Phone:** (219)838-0200

**City:** HIGHLAND, IN 46322

**Alert Codes:**

**Offense Codes**

**Reported:** TVAU Theft, Vehicle: Automobile

**Observed:**

**Additional Offense:** FRAU Fraud/Swindle/Confidence  
Game

**Circumstances**

LT24 Specialty Store

**Responding Officers:**

GARZA G

**Unit :**

HI178

**Responsible Officer:** GARZA G

**Agency:** HIPD

**Received By:** BRADFORD A

**Last Radio Log:** 12:47:37 01/10/20 CMPLT

**How Received:** 9 911 Call

**Clearance:** CI Cleared, Investigator

**When Reported:** 12:04:26 01/10/20

**Disposition:** CCF **Date:** 03/17/20

**Judicial Status:**

**Occurred between:** 12:04:00 01/10/20

Misc Entry:

and: 12:04:01 01/10/20

Modus Operandi:

Description :

Method :

**Involvements**

Date	Type	Description	
02/27/20	Law Incident	Recovered Veh 20HI01621	RELATED
02/22/20	Law Incident	Recovered Veh 20MU01412	RELATED
01/13/20	Name	ALLARD RENTAL CORPORATION,	Complainant
01/13/20	Name	ALLARD RENTAL CORPORATION,	VICTIM
01/10/20	Name	WILLIAMS, JEFFREY A	COMPLAINANT
01/10/20	Name	BARKAL, PAUL	DRIVER
01/10/20	Vehicle	BLK 2019 CHEV IMP IL	STOLEN
01/10/20	Vehicle	BLK 2019 CHEV IMP IL	Vehicle
02/22/20	Cad Call	07:45:32 02/22/20 Recovered Veh	idacs recovery
01/10/20	Cad Call	12:04:26 01/10/20 Theft-Auto	Initiating Call

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**Narrative**

## HIGHLAND POLICE DEPT NARRATIVE

RESPONDED TO 8820 INDPLS BLVD (HERTZ) IN REFERENCE TO A VEHICLE THAT HAD NOT BEEN RETURNED AND WAS DUE BACK LAST 11/26/2019. UPON OFC'S ARRIVAL JEFFREY STATED THAT PAUL BARKAL CAME CELLED AND REQUESTED A VEHICLE BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN IN AN ACCIDENT. JEFFREY STATED THAT THEY WENT TO HIS HOUSE, PICKED HIM UP, AND RETURNED TO THE STORE TO COMPLETE PAPERWORK FOR THE RENTAL. HE STATED THAT THE VEHICLE WAS DUE TO BE RETURNED 11/26/2019 BUT WAS NEVER RETURNED. HE STATED THAT HE WAS EXHAUSTED ALL MEANS TRYING TO GET THE VEHICLE BACK.

A COMPUTER CHECK WAS REQUESTED ON PAUL BARKAL WITH THE DL NUMBER GIVEN WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. A COMPUTER CHECK WAS REQUESTED ON THE SAME NAME WITH A DIFFERENT DATE OF BIRTH AND DL NUMBER WAS RETURNED BUT BOTH TO THE SAME ADDRESS.

THE COMP WISHED FOR THE VEHICLE TO BE ENTERED INTO THE SYSTEM AS STOLEN. DSP WAS ADVISED AWAITING ON IDACS/NCIC NUMBER.

CPL GARZA, G #178

GGG

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Responsible LEO:

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Approved by:

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Date

**Supplement**

CAD Call info/comments

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12:05:21 01/10/2020 - BRADFORD A (ProQA Police)

Chief Complaint: VEHICLE THEFT

Caller Statement: CUSTOMER RENTED A VEH // REFUSES TO BRING VEH BACK

12:06:58 01/10/2020 - BRADFORD A (ProQA Police)

ProQA Code: 130B02

Unit Response: Most Appropriate Unit

- Vict caller on scene.
- Susp/Veh not in area.
- Time lapse: RENTED 10-17-19 DUE BACK 11-26-19
- VEHICLE THEFT
- Stolen veh desc:
- Veh payments not current.
- Veh can't be tracked.

Vehicle 1

Type: Stolen vehicle

Color: BLACK

Year: 2019

Make: CHEVY

Model: IMPALA

Plate: FP63379

State: IL

12:06:59 01/10/2020 - BRADFORD A

Nature change from EPD to Theft-Auto

12:36:11 01/10/2020 - KOLODZIEJ J - From: GARZA G

ENTER VEH INTO IDACS

12:36:41 01/10/2020 - KOLODZIEJ J

PAPERWORK TURNED INTO THE IDACS DESK FOR ENTRY

12:37:43 01/10/2020 - KOLODZIEJ J

12:47:37 01/10/2020 - GARZA G

STOLEN VEHICLE

**Supplement**

Due to the ongoing issue with Hertz's company policy of not allowing employees to properly identify customers before renting them a vehicle, this case will be closed out. If the vehicle is located, it can simply be towed at Hertz's expense and removed from IDACS/NCIC. Detective Natelborg 202

On February 22, 2020 I spoke with Cpl Norris and Ofc Murphy of Munster Police about this incident. More investigation is needed in order to possibly file any charges in this matter. The suspect was released then. Detective Natelborg 202

On February 24, 2020 I spoke with Jeff Williams further about this case. He stated that the vehicle had been rented to Paul Barkal on October 17, 2019. Paul provided him with a DOB of 09/09/1959 and an Indiana drivers license number of 3401224584. He stated that the rental was being paid for by his insurance company while his car (Lincoln Towncar) was being repaired. The vehicle was due back on November 26, 2019. He stated that it was not returned then and on December 20, 2019, Paul was mailed the standard letter all car renters are given when they dont return vehicles on time. The letter advises them to return the car or they could face criminal charges. Jeff stated that when Paul was given the car, the porter forgot to have him sign the rental agreement but he did sign the pre-rental damage inspection report. Jeff further stated that he contacted the insurance company 3- 4 times and they told him that Paul sometimes goes by other names. He also stated that he personally drove by the residence listed on the rental agreement and he saw the rental car in the driveway of Paul's address however he could never get him to answer the door. When I spoke with Ofc Murphy of Munster Police, he stated that Paul was identified by his Indiana drivers license and all his identifiers matched up. He stated that he did not feel the drivers license he was given by Paul was fraudulent. He stated that Paul told him his insurance company was handling the rental of the car and since his own vehicle had yet to be repaired, he still had the car. He told Ofc Murphy that his car had been taken to three different repair centers now and the insurance company did not like the estimates given to repair the vehicle. The date of birth Ofc Murphy got on the Indiana drivers license was 10/02/2956 and a drivers license number of 8926284104. Investigation to continue. Detective Natelborg 202

On February 26, 2020 I received the rental agreement from Hertz. It shows that the vehicle (black 2019 Chevy Impala) was rented on 10/17/2019 and due back on 11/26/2019. On December 20, 2019 a certified letter was sent to Paul Bartal at his home in Munster. On January 3, 2020 Hertz activated the OnStar system in the car and it was pinging at Paul's home in Munster. On March 5, 2020 I spoke with State Farm agent Niki Gagna. She advised that her client Paul Bartal was involved in a car accident in Orland Park, IL on 10/17/19.

She stated that he was given a rental car on 10/17/2019. She stated that he got an estimate for the vehicles damages on 10/23/19. On November 10, 2019 Paul's rental car coverage had maxed out. On 11/13/2019 Paul called State Farm claiming he has not heard from them.

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→ Niki stated that they had been trying to reach him numerous times and left voicemails but he never answers the phone or returns their calls. When he called them, he demanded a second estimate as he didn't like the first one. Niki advised that the second came back declaring Paul's car a total loss with a \$2100 pay out. A certified letter was sent to Paul advising him of the total loss on 11/25/2019 and it was returned because it was rejected and never opened. On 12/11/19 Paul sent a letter to State Farm claiming he has never heard from them about this claim. Niki advised that Paul has never received a pay out from State Farm and he should have his car in his possession. Detective Natelborg 202

As of March 9, 2020 I have attempted to contact Paul via telephone several times about this matter and I have gone to his home with negative results. Detective Natelborg 202

On March 17, 2020 charges of Conversion (Auto) (6 Fel) and Use of Synthetic Identifying Information (6 Fel) were forwarded to the prosecutors office. Detective Natelborg 202

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**Vehicles****Vehicle Number:****20V001811****License Plate:** FP63379**State:** IL**Vehicle Year:** 2019**Make:** CHEV Chevrolet**Color:** BLK /**Vehicle Type:** PCAR Passenger Car**License Type:** PC Passenger - Elected Official**Expires:** 06/30/20**VIN:** 1G11Z5SA9KU134197**Model:** IMP**Doors:** 4**Value:** \$25,000.00**Owner:****Last:** ALLARD**First:****Mid:**

RENTAL

CORPORATION

**DOB:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\***Dr Lic:****Address:** 8820 INDIANAPOLIS BLVD**Race:****Sex:****Phone:** (219)838-0200**City:** HIGHLAND, IN 46322**Agency:** MUPD Munster Police Department**Date Recov/Rcvd:** 02/22/20**Officer:** MURPHY P**Area:****UCR Status:** SRO Stolen Locally/Recovered Other**Wrecker Service:** MU04 Ray & Wally's Towing**Local Status:** SRI Stolen-Recovered-Impound**Storage Location:****Status Date:** 02/22/20**Release Date:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\***Comments:****Vehicle Number:****20V001811****License Plate:** FP63379**State:** IL**Vehicle Year:** 2019**Make:** CHEV Chevrolet**Color:** BLK /**Vehicle Type:** PCAR Passenger Car**License Type:** PC Passenger - Elected Official**Expires:** 06/30/20**VIN:** 1G11Z5SA9KU134197**Model:** IMP**Doors:** 4**Value:** \$25,000.00**Owner:****Last:** ALLARD**First:****Mid:**

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**Status Date:** 02/22/20

**Release Date:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

**Comments:**



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**Name Involvements:****DRIVER :** 20N001653**Last:** BARKAL**First:** PAUL**Mid:****DOB:** 09/09/59**Dr Lic:** 3401224584**Address:** 8445 OAKWOOD Ave**Race:**           **Sex:****Phone:** ( ) -**City:** MUNSTER, IN 46321**VICTIM :** 060N57596**Last:** ALLARD**First:****Mid:**

RENTAL

CORPORATION

**DOB:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\***Dr Lic:****Address:** 8820 INDIANAPOLIS BLVD**Race:**           **Sex:****Phone:** (219)838-0200**City:** HIGHLAND, IN 46322**COMPLAINAN**060N17247**T :****Last:** WILLIAMS**First:** JEFFREY**Mid:** A**DOB:** 02/19/66**Dr Lic:** 8921173641**Address:** 9150 W 107TH PL**Race:** W           **Sex:** M**Phone:** (219)776-1293**City:** ST JOHN, IN 46373