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NEWS RELEASE**Investigators seeking public's help to identify fraud suspect**

Seminole Co. (March 7, 2018) - Investigators are seeking the public's help to identify a man suspected of fraudulently purchasing furniture. The investigation began on March 2, 2018, when one of the victims contacted the Seminole County Financial Crimes Task Force to report fraudulent charges made in his name.

During the initial investigation, it was determined that over the past few months the suspect purchased approximately \$15,000 in merchandise at Kane's Furniture stores located in Seminole and Orange Counties. In each instance, he made cash deposits for the purchases and then used the victim's personal information to obtain credit for the remaining balance. The suspect arranged to pick the furniture up at the company's warehouse located in Pinellas County, using a rental truck that he also obtained with the victim's personal information.

A composite of the suspect is included with this release. Anyone with information on this crime or the identity of the suspect is asked to call the Seminole County Sheriff's Office Financial Crimes Task Force at 407-665-1426 or Crimeline at (800) 423-TIPS (8477). Calls made to Crimeline remain anonymous, and tips that lead to the felony arrest of a suspect and/or the recovery of stolen property and drugs are eligible for cash rewards of up to \$1,000.

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