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To: Cpt. Charles Williamson	From: Sgt. Dan Boots
Date: 08/06/2020	Re: Cell phone Exam

Captain,

On 08/04/2020 you gave me a County issued iPhone that had been used by Ricardo Alvarado. It was powered off and you advised that "Airplane Mode" was turned on. I took the device back to my office and powered it up. When it was powered on I looked at the various home screens to see what was obviously installed and look for anything out of the ordinary.

I observed an icon for Google Photos that has a red circle at the top corner with a 1 in it. This indicates that the app has a new item and the count of new items. I then noticed the red circle disappear and I attempted to open the app. As it opened there was a flash of pictures that was then covered by a login screen. I could not access the app any further without the valid login.

I connected it to a VCSO owned computer and began the examination with forensic software. Shortly after connection, I observed two notifications appear on the screen that are not part of the extraction process. One advised that the Apple ID of ralvarado@cityofbaycity.org was being used to sign into an iPhone near Victoria, TX. The second was a pin code provided by Apple, as dual authentication, that must be entered in the secondary (new) device in order to setup your account. I selected "don't allow" and "OK" which does not permit the using of this account on the new device. A follow-up screen advises you to change your login information because it is believed that someone is attempting to access your account without your permission.

This happened three or four times and then stopped. Each time had a different pin number. I am unable to determine at this time who was attempting to use the account to setup a new phone, other than someone who knows the login credentials and password related to the Apple ID of ralvarado@cityofbaycity.org.

The device can be located and erased or wiped if you want to do so. This is also required when setting up another phone. The following information is from the Apple Support page:

"Find a missing device from iCloud.com

When you [log in to iCloud.com](https://www.icloud.com) with the Apple ID that you used to sign in on the missing device, you can use Find My iPhone to locate the device, have it play a sound, mark it as lost, or erase it remotely."



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During the exam of the data from the phone I checked the common area people converse with each other, places pictures are stored, social media and iOS metadata. Several things were notable:

- Facebook, Instagram and other social media apps were not installed. The apps had been installed at one time but the date of uninstall was not available. There was evidence that they were used in the Safari internet browser. Passwords for numerous accounts were provided by the forensic software, which allowed for accounts to be accessed on the phone.
- The Google Photos app was installed and was not logged in when the phone was turned on. The forensic software provided the login credentials. Those were entered into the app and its stored photos were then available. I observed a picture of a bottle of Endurabol in a person's hand that appeared to be in front of a desk in VCSO CID. The majority of the pictures appeared to be of Alvarado's family and working out.
- There were numerous conversations related to Endurabol, RAD 140, Testolone, SARMS and test (Testosterone), juice (slang for steroids). Conversations were between Alvarado and Chris Carter, Jacob Valdez, Moyer (Michael), [REDACTED] and James [REDACTED] (VC Academy Cadet). In the conversation with Jackson test was discussed, with him describing how Alvarado has "gain some seriously muscle plus you us man over 30 test starts to go down a little". Alvarado says in a message that he uses Endurabol.
- There were contacts stored in the phone for known steroid and drug users, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is dead and [REDACTED] is in prison for narcotics charges. An additional contact was discovered of [REDACTED] who is a known for gang activity and drugs. He has prior felonies and is on bond at this time for felony charges.
- The phone appeared to be used as the sole phone of Alvarado, which is common knowledge. The device had a total extraction size of 67.7 GB. This included 1047 Chats, 5230 SMS Messages, 55,974 images and 4135 videos.
- No SMS messages directly from Alvarado to his wife were found. There were call logs between them. This is very uncommon and would lead towards a cleaning of the device prior to surrendering it to the investigator.



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Disposition:

This exam was conducted at the request of Captain Charles Williamson as pertaining to an internal investigation. As the phone is County property, Cpt. Williamson provided the authorization to perform the examination.

The device was powered off and returned to Cpt. Charles Williamson. The Cellebrite report of the tagged items is included with this report. A report reference the complete phone extraction can be made available by request.

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Sgt. Dan Boots
Forensic Examiner
LE Technologist

Charles Williamson

From: Daniel Boots
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Charles Williamson
Cc: Richard Martin; Will Franklin
Subject: Attempts to use Apple ID
Attachments: IMG_3527.JPG; IMG_3528.JPG

Captain,

As I was examining the cell phone you provided me using the Graykey equipment I observed two notifications appear on the screen that are not part of the extraction process. One advised that the Apple ID of ralvarado@cityofbaycity.org was being used to sign into an iPhone near Victoria, TX. The second was a pin code provided by Apple, as dual authentication, that must be entered in the secondary (new) device in order to setup your account. I selected "don't allow" and "OK" which does not permit the using of this account on the new device. A followup screen advises you to change your login information because it is believed that someone is attempting to access your account without your permission.

This happened three or four times and then stopped. Each time had a different pin number. I am unable to determine at this time who was attempting to use the account to setup a new phone.

When I received the phone it was powered off and I powered it on in my office. When it was powered on I looked at the various home screens to see what was obviously installed and look for anything out of the ordinary. I observed an icon for Google Photos that has a red circle at the top corner with a 1 in it. This indicates that the app has a new item and the count of new items. I then noticed the red circle disappear and I attempted to open the app. As it opened there was a flash of pictures that was then covered by a login screen. I could not access the app any further without the valid login.

The examination is being loaded into Cellebrite and a report will follow.

Thank you,

Sgt. Dan Boots
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