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INCLUSIVE CASE REPORT

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2021000366

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 Occur. Location: 624 21ST ST Apt: _____ City: VERO BEACH State: _____
 Number of Arrestees: 0 Agency ORI: FL0310300

Category OFFENSE
 Location Type _____
 Business _____
 Off. Type GENERIC
 Off. Code Desc 2893 INFORMATION

Category PERSON Person Type ADDITIONAL PERSON SSN [REDACTED]
 First Name PHENSRI Middle Name _____ Last Name WALKER
 Race WHITE Sex FEMALE DOB 04/30/1971
 DL Number/St _____ Name Type LEGAL
 HOME 4346 13TH PL FL Phone (281) 406-6045
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Category PERSON Person Type ADDITIONAL PERSON SSN _____
 First Name SUPEE Middle Name _____ Last Name SPINDLER
 Race WHITE Sex MALE DOB 03/16/1952
 DL Number/St S15378052596 FL Name Type LEGAL
 HOME U: 1506 SEGOVIA CIR VERO BEACH FL 32966 Phone _____
 HOME 624 21ST ST VERO BEACH FL 32960 Phone (772) 563-7401
 HOME 2800 INDIAN RIVER BLVD R5 VERO BEACH FL Phone (772) 563-7401
 HOME U: 329 LEXINGTON AVE SW VERO BEACH FL Phone _____

Category PERSON Person Type ADDITIONAL PERSON SSN _____
 First Name NISARAT Middle Name _____ Last Name JITTASONTHI
 Race ASIAN Sex _____ DOB 07/24/1974
 DL Number/St _____ Name Type LEGAL

Category NARRATIVE
 On 02/19/2021, at approximately 1400, Det. Lachowicz #729 and I were contacted in the Vero Beach Police Department lobby by an Asian female identified as Ms. Phensri Walker (complainant). Walker spoke limited English and wished to make a report in reference to happenings at her former place of employment, The Thai House which is located at 624 21st St. within the city limits of Vero Beach, FL.
 Walker advised that she worked at the business performing facials over the past month and stopped working there recently. She advised that while working at the business she was approached by another employee who she knew as Ms. Nisarath Jittasonthi and was provided multiple hand written letters. Walker advised that the letters were written in Thai and they described treatment of Jittasonthi by the business owner, Ms. Supee Spindler. Walker could not provide an exact account of what took place or where it occurred but advised that she was told by Jittasonthi that Spindler may have struck her with a shoe on at least one occasion. Walker further advised that she felt as though Jittasonthi was intellectually disabled and has lived with and worked for Spindler for approximately seven years. Walker advised that she was concerned that Spindler may have been taking advantage of Jittasonthi and wanted to make authorities aware.



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Detective follow up.

Category **NARRATIVE**

On 02/19/2021, Det. Lachowicz #729 and I fielded an initial complaint in reference to happenings at The Thai House which is located at 624 21st St. within the city limits of Vero Beach, FL. I completed an initial report that reads as follows:

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Detective follow up."

On 02/22/2021, the Vero Beach Police Department was contacted by Panida Rzonca, Directing Attorney for the Thai Community Development Center in Los Angeles, California in reference to the same complaint. I spoke to Rzonca who provided me with three brief translations of letters provided to her by the aforementioned complainant, Phensri Walker. These translations revealed complaints of verbal and physical abuse by Ms. Supee Spindler against Ms. Nisarath Jittasonthi. Also revealed were complaints of Spindler keeping Jittasonthi's ID and passport in her possession. I then provided copies of the letters to me on 02/19/2021 to Rzonca for further translation.

On 02/24/2021, Rzonca contacted me and advised that the letters I provided to her were translated by the Thai CDC staff attorney, Mr. Phatchara Udonism. She provided me with the translations on this same date. A review of the translations revealed further allegations of abuse and possible labor trafficking.

At this time I contacted Special Agent Jarel with Homeland Security Investigations and discussed the allegations and



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provided him with the translations I received.

On 02/25/2021, at approximately 1155, myself, Det. Lachowicz, Agent Jarel, Agent Urgo, and Ofc. Wells #452 responded to the Thai House in reference to the complaints received. Upon arrival, we observed the business doors shut and locked. A sign was hung on the door advising that a client was currently in the business and to call to make an appointment. After standing on the exterior of the business only briefly a barefoot Asian female (later identified as Nisarath Jittasonthi) unlocked the door and exited at a hurried pace. She was crying and visibly upset. Jittasonthi walked directly toward myself and the other law enforcement officers on scene. With the assistance of Panida Rzonca acting as translator Agents Jarel and Urgo then conducted an interview of Jittasonthi. Throughout the interview Jittasonthi was crying and appeared very scared. It was determined that Jittasonthi did not feel safe at the location and she was transported to the Vero Beach Police Department by Sgt. DeAcetis #439 until further arrangements could be made.

At approximately 1730, agents with HSI conducted an interview with Supee Spindler at Thai House. She also consented to a search of the business and her residence. (Interviews and searches will be documented in HSI reports).

Jittasonthi was then transported to Stuart Police Department by Sgt. Hesse #631 at approximately 1900 on the same date and ultimately taken to a safe place for the evening.

On 02/26/2021, Det. Lachowicz and I met with HSI agents Jarel and Urgo at the Stuart Police Department. An additional interview was conducted by HSI Forensic Interview Specialist Kate Myers with the assistance of Panida Rzonca acting as translator (Interviews will be documented in HSI reports).

She was then transported by agents Jarel and Urgo to housing arranged by Catholic Charities in West Palm Beach, FL.

The original hand written letters provided to the VBPD on 02/19/2021 will be turned over to HSI.

Case turned over to HSI.

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I (Officer Wells) responded to 624 21st Street (The Thai House) to assist Detectives Lachowicz (#729) and Crowley (#758) in their investigation. I was instructed by Det. Lachowicz and Det. Crowley to be a uniformed presence while they were conducting an interview. As we were approaching the front of the business, the victim Nisarath Jittasonthi, saw us walking up to the front door. The front doors to the business were glass, and I could immediately see Ms. Jittasonthi starting to cry as she rushed out of the business to us. Ms. Jittasonthi was extremely emotional, and it took her a few minutes to understand the translator on that Det. Crowley had on the cell phone. The interview was conducted out of the view of anyone inside the business. I stood on the north east corner of the business so the detectives could safely interview Ms. Jittasonthi.



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