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**MCSO Deputies Arrest Man for Scamming Citizens at Airport**



Rey Antonio Figueroa-Diaz

**Milwaukee, WI – On Sunday, September 17, 2017, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Airport deputies received a report from a Southwest Airlines employee that an unknown subject was posing as a Southwest Airlines hiring agent and was scamming citizens out of hundreds of dollars.**

**MCSO Airport deputies investigated the allegations and were able to identify the subject as Rey Antonio Figueroa-Diaz, age 30, of Milwaukee. Figueroa-Diaz used social media to attract his victims. He would meet his victims at the airport where he told them they needed to complete an application. Figueroa-Diaz would wear a reflective vest during the meetings. Once the victims completed the bogus applications, Figueroa-Diaz would tell them that they needed to give him \$220 as a deposit for equipment. After receiving the money, Figueroa-Diaz would then disappear.**

**Yesterday, Figueroa-Diaz was arrested at his residence by MCSO detectives. He subsequently confessed to scamming a total of three victims starting about four weeks ago. Figueroa-Diaz is currently being held in the Milwaukee County Jail on 3 Class H Felony counts of Unauthorized Use of an Entity's Information or Documents. Each count carries up to 6 years in prison.**

**So far three victims have been identified. If there are any other victims, please call the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office at (414) 278-4788 or (414) 278-4779.**

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**Statement from County Executive Chris Abele: “Having a strong partner and working together with Acting Sheriff Richard Schmidt will make a safer Milwaukee County.”**

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