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Richard David Fandrey aka Rick Fandrey, dob [REDACTED]
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2nd address: [REDACTED]
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Worked for Miami Dade Police Department from approximately [REDACTED]. Held the rank of detective.

Principal owner of: Blueline Investigations and Blueline Reasearch and Development,LLC

Partners:

Richard Fandrey

Kenneth C. Jenne, former sheriff BSO

Patrick M. Roberts, former Major with Florida Dept of Alcohol, Beverage and Tobacco, resigned in September 2009 during an internal affairs investigation of evidence tampering (newspaper article below)

Michael Fisten, worked under Roberts as a former Lieutenant with Florida Dept of Alcohol, Beverage and Tobacco, resigned in September 2009

All the above have incorporated listing the same person as registered agent:

Christina M. Kitterman, [REDACTED]

Online article Sun-Sentinel 09/16/09

Don't start getting your dollar bills ready just yet... State authorities have launched a criminal investigation into official misconduct and evidence tampering involving the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, the Sun Sentinel has learned.

At least part of the evidence-tampering allegations relates to the ABT case involving Cheetah Hallandale Beach, a now-closed strip club, division spokeswoman Jenn Meale said.

ABT asked the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to assist in the inquiry, FDLE spokeswoman Kristen Perezluha confirmed. She said she couldn't comment further.

Meale also declined to provide more details about the inquiry, including who might be targeted.

The Cheetah closed in March, a week after police raided it following an undercover inquiry into sex-for-money and drugs there.

The latest investigation is fallout related to the Cheetah case. Despite the shuttering of the strip club six months ago, authorities have said a criminal inquiry involving it continues.

In addition, the Cheetah's owner has threatened to sue the state if authorities don't return four digital video recorders seized on the premises. And ABT launched an earlier internal inquiry into three former employees who recently got jobs at the Fort Lauderdale law firm that represents the Cheetah.

Hallandale Beach police and the state spent 19 months investigating the Cheetah with undercover officers going into the club at least 18 times with dancers offering them sex in the private VIP rooms and/or drugs, according to state records. When officers raided the club on March 7, they arrested 16 dancers and two managers. In addition, ABT suspended the strip club's liquor license.

Five days later, ABT executed a second search warrant, seizing the video recorders. State agents got the warrant after telling a judge that cameras were secretly recording people in the VIP rooms and bathrooms.

Authorities aren't saying what's on the recorders. Cheetah's attorney, Robert Buschel, has been demanding the devices back, arguing they were illegally seized.

The Cheetah operated alcohol-free for a week before closing. The club's owner, Joe Rodriguez, later reached a settlement with the state to sell the Cheetah's liquor license and pay a \$15,000 fine. The club also entered into a second agreement in which authorities returned nearly \$21,000 of the \$61,000 seized in the raid to Rodriguez. Hallandale Beach police kept the rest.

Since June, three former ABT officials — **Maj. Pat Roberts**, **Lt. Michael Fisten** and Senior Attorney Michael Wheeler — have gone to work for the law firm that represents the Cheetah: Rothstein, Rosenfeldt and Adler. Roberts had supervised the Cheetah investigation. Fisten was one of the undercover officers. Wheeler negotiated the settlement agreement for the state.

Their former agency has warned all three ex-employees about having improper contact with their onetime colleagues, and opened an internal investigation into their interactions with ABT.

On Monday, ABT filed a complaint about Wheeler with the Florida Commission on Ethics. The state agency is accusing Wheeler of violating a state law that requires him to wait two years before representing clients on matters being considered by ABT, Deputy General Counsel Michael Martinez wrote in the two-page complaint.

According to Martinez's complaint, Wheeler repeatedly contacted former colleagues with licensing questions and signed a court document in an administrative law case for a colleague representing a Fort Myers lounge. Wheeler once represented the state in that case, Martinez wrote.

As for Roberts and Fisten, they have been warned about contacting former colleagues "in reference to certain pending legal matters about which you have specialized knowledge as a result of your employment with ABT," according to letters sent Aug. 27 by Reginald Dixon, general counsel for the state Department of Business and Professional Regulation, to the two men.

Buschel, who is speaking on the behalf of Roberts, Fisten and Wheeler, said Tuesday the state hasn't sent him a copy of the Florida Commission on Ethics complaint, so he could not comment.

Buschel said last week that the three men have had no inappropriate contact with ABT employees and that they are victims of a smear campaign orchestrated by former colleagues with petty agendas.