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AGENCY CASE NUMBER: **2026-00323717**

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

STATE OF FLORIDA

vs.

NAME: **Joseph Anthony Brown**

D.O.B: [REDACTED] RACE/SEX: **W/M**

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED], **Port Orange, Florida, 32127**

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: HEIGHT: **6'2"** WEIGHT: **300** HAIR: **Gray** EYES: **Blue**

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER: **FL;** [REDACTED]

A F F I D A V I T F O R A R R E S T W A R R A N T

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

Comes now the affiant, **Detective K. Cintron (34711)**, a sworn law enforcement officer, to wit: a **police officer** for the **Orlando Police Department**, submitted via a secure electronic file system before the issuing judge, **in and for Orange County, Florida, Ninth Judicial Circuit**, who makes this affidavit and states under oath that affiant has probable cause to believe that certain laws have been violated in **Orange County, Florida**, and that on/between **09-02-2026**, the Defendant, **Joseph Anthony Brown**, did violate Florida State Statute(s), and commit the offense(s) of:

C1: Grand Theft 3rd Degree (Over \$750, Under \$5,000)

812.014(2)(C)(1)-24 F3

Your affiant, **Detective K. Cintron (34711)**, is and has been since **09-22-2019**, a duly sworn **police officer**, with the **Orlando Police Department, Florida**.

YOUR AFFIANT, IN THE COURSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES, HAS COME TO INVESTIGATE:

On September 4, at approximately 1844 hours, Officer H. Sena (40560) responded to the GameStop located at 2430 S. Kirkman Road, Orlando, Florida, in reference to a grand theft that occurred two days prior, on Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

Officer Sena made contact with GameStop's store manager, Jonathan Fonseca ([REDACTED]). The following is a synopsis of what Fonseca stated both verbally and in a sworn written statement:

On August 30, 2026, GameStop's assistant manager, Pablo Gutierrez ([REDACTED]), received a phone call from a male believed to be the suspect in this case. The male on the phone stated he was going to the store in a few days to pick up an online order for two items under the GameStop account for Joseph Brown, ID: [REDACTED]. Gutierrez informed him that his account showed only one item valued at \$80. The male then asked which employees would be working on Wednesday, and Gutierrez refused to provide that information. On September 2, 2026, Fonseca stated that his employee, Javier Rivera Guerra (R624-439-01-500-0), notified him that a Magic the Gathering Hobbit Collect Booster Box valued at approximately \$850 was stolen by a customer. Fonseca then reviewed CCTV surveillance video from inside GameStop and observed the theft occur while Rivera Guerra was distracted by a UPS delivery. Fonseca stated that he wishes to pursue criminal charges on behalf of GameStop and provided Officer Sena with a copy of the suspect's account.

The customer account information lists the following:

Joseph Brown, ID: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Daytona Beach, Florida, 32124
[REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Your Affiant used a law enforcement database to search the address listed on the GameStop account, which yielded results for a previous address for Joseph A. Brown ([REDACTED]). Upon review of Brown's Florida Driver's License photograph, Your Affiant noted that it appeared to be the suspect in this case. Under the aforementioned account there are several previous purchases of various Magic the Gathering items. However, no recorded purchases were made at the Kirkman GameStop (Store 0486) on the date of the theft. On September 2, 2026, the receipt shows that Brown's account purchased the same item in person at a GameStop in Sanford, Florida (Store 5250).

After receiving this case, Your Affiant met with Fonseca and obtained CCTV surveillance video, a receipt for the item, and a Business Record Certification. During that meeting, Fonseca told Your Affiant he called Brown approximately ten times to get the cards back, but Brown did not return his calls. Fonseca stated he is familiar with similar thefts that have occurred in the past, where a customer tells an employee someone else assisted them with a purchase to trick them into providing a canceled item.

Your Affiant also met with Rivera Guerro and obtained a statement. The following is a synopsis of what Rivera Guerro stated both verbally and in a sworn written statement:

On September 2, 2026, an older male wearing a black shirt entered the store and said he had an online order for a Magic the Gathering box. Additionally, he wanted to cancel the \$80 order for a different box of cards on his account. Brown asked Rivera Guerro to inspect the item for blemishes, so Rivera Guerro retrieved it from a locked glass case and handed it to Brown. Brown then showed Rivera Guerro a screenshot on his cellphone that showed the purchase of an \$850 Magic the Gathering Hobbit box. Rivera Guerro and Brown both proceeded to the counter to look up the order and process the cancellation request. Rivera Guerro could not find the order in GameStop's system but found the \$80 box order and canceled it at Brown's request. Immediately after the \$80 order was canceled, a UPS delivery driver walked into the store. Rivera Guerro became distracted by the delivery and left the cards with Brown. During the delivery, Rivera Guerro did not notice Brown take the cards as he walked out of the store. Rivera Guerro is willing to prosecute on behalf of GameStop and will testify in court.

Your Affiant reviewed the CCTV surveillance video, and it corroborated Fonseca's and Rivera Guerro's statements.



Image 1: Photograph of Brown entering the store.



Image 2: Photograph of Brown taking the cards from the counter as Rivera Guerrero turned around.



Image 3: Photograph of Brown leaving the store.

Your Affiant constructed a photo lineup consisting of six photographs. A photo of Brown was positioned in the #2 position, and the other five photographs consisted of males with similar characteristics to Brown. Detective A. Abshire (34300), an independent administrator, administered the photo lineup to Rivera Guerro and completed the witness instructions with him. Rivera Guerro selected #2, Brown, as the suspect in this case.

Your Affiant also conducted a recorded telephone interview with Gutierrez, who stated that a male believed to be Brown called the Kirkman GameStop on Sunday, August 30, 2026, and Monday, August 31, 2026. On August 30, 2026, the male was inquiring about an online order under the account listed for Joseph Brown. Gutierrez told the male the account showed only one \$80 box, but explained that they had the other item in stock and that he could buy it in-store when he picked up his \$80 order. On August 31, 2026, Brown called GameStop and spoke with Gutierrez again. He said one of his orders now showed as canceled. Gutierrez asked for the order number to look up the exact order he was referring to, and Brown said he did not have his phone so he could not provide it. Because Gutierrez had assisted Brown the previous day, he was familiar with the account and searched for it again. After pulling up the account, Gutierrez told Brown that only an \$80 order was processed, and it was at the store and ready for pickup. Brown asked Gutierrez again about the \$850 box, and Gutierrez told him the order was still not on his account but that it was available for purchase at the store. Brown then asked how many boxes were at the Kirkman location, and Gutierrez said only one. Brown asked Gutierrez if he could set the box aside for him, and Gutierrez said he was not allowed to, but because the box of cards is so expensive and has not sold for several months, it will likely still be there when he arrives. Brown then asked who would be working at the store, and Gutierrez refused to answer.

On September 16, 2026, Your Affiant conducted a recorded phone interview with Brown. The following is a synopsis of the interview:

Brown confirmed his identity, and Your Affiant was introduced as a law enforcement officer investigating an incident at GameStop in Orlando, Florida. Brown stated he has purchased the same Magic the Gathering box of cards at Millenia, Kirkman, and Sanford locations. Brown said he paid for the box in-store at Millenia and Sanford, and at the Kirkman GameStop, he claimed he paid online with his card. Your Affiant asked Brown to email Your Affiant the receipt for the Kirkman purchase, and he emailed a screenshot confirming the order and said it was the same screenshot he showed the employee in-store. The email address Brown used to email Your Affiant was the same email address listed on the account information GameStop provided. Your Affiant asked Brown whether he had called GameStop a couple of days prior, and he confirmed he had. When Brown arrived at the store, he said he told the employee he wanted to look at the collector's box to check its condition and that he wanted to cancel the \$80 box. Brown asked Your Affiant whether he needed to be concerned about getting in trouble, and Your Affiant told him that it seemed that way, but this was an attempt by Your Affiant to allow him to prove he purchased the item. After reviewing the screenshot, Your Affiant asked whether Brown had a charge on his bank account statement to corroborate the screenshot. When Brown reviewed his bank account while on the phone, he stated he did not see a charge for the Kirkman store. Your Affiant advised Brown that two separate GameStop employees stated they informed him there was no order for the \$850 box and by his own admission, his bank account did not reflect a charge for the purchase. Brown claimed that both employees told him the screenshot was sufficient. Brown stated he took the screenshot the same day he made the purchase. Your Affiant asked whether he could log back into his account and see what the order currently shows. Brown hesitated momentarily about proceeding, alleging that the employees are making these allegations and that he didn't do anything wrong. Your Affiant explained that he did not have to speak to me, and he said, "Order status: canceled." Your Affiant asked Brown if he ever received an email stating the order was canceled, and he said he received an email stating the order was canceled on August 31, 2026, which is why he called the store, but he claims he was told there were no problems and he was "good to go." Your Affiant asked if Brown could forward Your Affiant the cancellation email, and he did. After reviewing the email, Your Affiant asked Brown why, after receiving an email stating, "Your order has been canceled... You will be refunded for the canceled item," he believed he was "good to go," using a screenshot from an order that had been canceled and refunded. Brown replied that he believed he would be charged for the item afterward. It is unclear why Brown said this during the interview, but he said that a black male was in the store at the same time as him. Your Affiant did observe a black male on the surveillance video but did not note anything of investigative relevance.

Conclusion:

During the investigation, Your Affiant learned that Brown had an approximately \$80 order associated with his GameStop account but inquired about a separate product valued at approximately \$850. Brown was advised by a GameStop employee that the \$850 product was not associated with his account. Brown later returned to the store and presented a screenshot of an order for the \$850 product that had previously been canceled and refunded. After the employee was unable to locate a valid order for the product and stepped away from the counter, CCTV surveillance showed Brown taking the product from the counter and leaving the store. Brown's bank account did not reflect payment for the \$850 product. During a subsequent interview, Brown acknowledged receiving the email advising him that the order had been canceled and that he would be refunded.

Based on the investigation, which included witness statements, CCTV surveillance evidence, documentary evidence, and a suspect interview, Your Affiant has probable cause to believe that Joseph Anthony Brown committed a violation of Florida State Statute 812.014(2)(C)(1)-24, Grand Theft 3rd Degree (Over \$750, Under \$5,000).

1. Brown knowingly and unlawfully obtained the Magic the Gathering Collect Booster trading cards SKU 446252 from GameStop.
2. He did so with the intent to deprive GameStop of the right to the property or any benefit from it.
3. The value of the property taken was \$750 or more but less than \$5,000.

K. Cintron /s

Detective K. Cintron (34711)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me in the County and State aforesaid this **17** day of **September**, 2026.

Sgt. M. Rogers (30421) /s

PLACED UNDER OATH BY