

# Press Release

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## Scam leads to arrest of Bay County man

On Wednesday, February 7, 2024, officers from the Lake City Police Department responded to a report of a suspicious incident at Halpatter Brewing Company, located at 264 NE Hernando Ave.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the business manager who explained the events leading them to believe they were the victims of a fraud. An individual requested to have Halpatter Brewing Company host his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party and requested a specific band play at the event for entertainment. After negotiating with the requester and the band, an agreed-upon amount was paid in full by the requester via credit card. Halpatter Brewing Company then secured the band as requested, only to be informed a few days later by their financial institution that the credit card payment had been reversed.

Subpoenas obtained by the detective assigned to the case revealed that the individual who requested the party and the specific band was also the account holder for the band. After receiving the payment from Halpatter Brewing Company and withdrawing it, he canceled the initial credit card payment to the company.

The assigned detective traveled to Bay County and, with the assistance of investigators from the Bay County Sheriff's Office, located Richard James Volz. Volz was arrested for grand theft and transported to the Bay County Jail without incident. He will be extradited to Columbia County to face charges.

**Name:** Volz, Richard James  
**DOB:** 07/26/1967  
**Sex/Race:** Male/White  
**Hair/Eyes:** Black/Brown  
**Address:** 5213 Douglas Street, Callaway, FL 32404  
**Charges:** Grand Theft



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