

Elvis Presley Extortion: Woman Accused of Graceland Theft Scheme

Description

A Missouri woman with a history of scams and fraud was arrested on federal charges for attempting to extort money and steal ownership of Elvis Presley's former home, Graceland, prosecutors revealed. Lisa Jeanine Findley, also known as Lisa Holden, faces charges of mail fraud and aggravated identity theft in a case unveiled by prosecutors. She will appear in court today in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

Findley is accused of orchestrating a fraudulent sale of Graceland, a scheme that involved false identities, post office boxes, and phone numbers. Authorities executed a warrant at her home in Kimberling City, leading to her arrest with "at least 15 cops" on the scene, according to sources.

The case gained attention after Naussany Investments, a company with questionable existence, claimed that Lisa Marie Presley owed money in loans after her death. However, a Tennessee judge dismissed the claim, suspecting forgery. Findley's connections to the scam were uncovered in an investigation by NBC News, revealing a complex web of deception.

A former acquaintance of Findley's testified before a grand jury about her involvement in a deal concerning Lisa Marie Presley's property. The investigation is ongoing, and updates are expected.

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Vocabulary List:

- Extort** /ɪk'stɔ:rɪt/ (verb): To obtain money or information through threats or force.
- Fraudulent** /'frɔ:.dʒə.lənt/ (adjective): Characterized by deception or trickery especially for financial gain.
- Aggravated** /'æg.rə.veɪ.tɪd/ (adjective): Made more serious or severe.
- Forgery** /'fɔ:rdʒəri/ (noun): The action of falsely making or altering a document with the intent to deceive.
- Orchestrating** /'ɔ:r.kəs.treɪ.tɪŋ/ (verb): To arrange or direct the elements of a situation to produce a desired effect.
- Deception** /dɪ'sep.ʃən/ (noun): The act of misleading or tricking someone.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What are the charges Lisa Jeanine Findley is facing?

- Option: A. Tax Evasion
- Option: B. Robbery
- Option: C. Mail Fraud and Aggravated Identity Theft
- Option: D. Kidnapping

2. Where will Lisa Jeanine Findley appear in court?

- Option: A. U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
- Option: B. U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Missouri
- Option: C. U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- Option: D. U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Missouri

3. What did authorities find at Lisa Jeanine Findley's home that led to her arrest?

- Option: A. Weapons
- Option: B. Counterfeit Money
- Option: C. False Identities Post Office Boxes and Phone Numbers
- Option: D. Stolen Artifacts

4. Which company claimed that Lisa Marie Presley owed money in loans?

- Option: A. Graceland Enterprises
- Option: B. Naussany Investments
- Option: C. Presley Properties
- Option: D. Elvis Legacy Inc.

5. Who dismissed the claim that Lisa Marie Presley owed money in loans?

- Option: A. Missouri Judge
- Option: B. Tennessee Judge
- Option: C. Federal Judge
- Option: D. Supreme Court Judge

6. What media outlet uncovered Lisa Jeanine Findley's connection to the scam?

- Option: A. CNN
- Option: B. NBC News
- Option: C. ABC News
- Option: D. Fox News

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. C. Mail Fraud and Aggravated Identity Theft 2. C. U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri 3. C. False Identities Post Office Boxes and Phone Numbers 4. B. Naussany Investments 5. B. Tennessee Judge 6. B. NBC News

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which term refers to obtaining something by force or threats?

- Option: Deception
- Option: Extort
- Option: Forgery
- Option: Integrity

2. What do you call forming a theory without firm evidence?

- Option: Buzz
- Option: Speculation
- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Commitment

3. Which word means to represent in bodily form or substance?

- Option: Speculations
- Option: Ignited
- Option: Embodies
- Option: Forgery

4. What term describes someone who is clever and humorous?

- Option: Licensing
- Option: Witty
- Option: Criticized
- Option: Flaunted

5. Which term means to display something ostentatiously?

- Option: Commitment
- Option: Flaunted
- Option: Daring
- Option: Buzz

6. What is the term for the expression of disapproval of someone or something based on perceived faults or mistakes?

- Option: Misdirection
- Option: Criticized
- Option: Forgery
- Option: Criticism

7. Which term means to make a problem injury or offense worse or more serious?

- Option: Flaunted
- Option: Aggravated
- Option: Deception
- Option: Speculate

8. Which term is associated with granting official permission for something?

- Option: Orchestrating
- Option: Licensing
- Option: Misdirection
- Option: Anticipation

9. What term describes adding fashion items to complete an outfit?

- Option: Flaunted
- Option: Accessorized
- Option: Involvement
- Option: Deception

10. Which term means to organize and coordinate a complex operation or event?

- Option: Integrity
- Option: Orchestrating
- Option: Daring
- Option: Buzz

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Legal action may be initiated with a _____ order to stop unauthorized use of intellectual property.

12. The regulatory body enforces compliance with _____ laws governing the industry.

13. The speech _____ a sense of passion and motivation among the audience.

14. The company's success is attributed to the strong _____ of its employees.
15. The investigative journalist plans to _____ the evidence in the upcoming report.
16. The fans waited in _____ for the release of the highly anticipated album.
17. The success of the project relies on the active _____ of all team members.
18. The children squealed with _____ as they opened their presents on Christmas morning.
19. Analysts _____ about the impact of the new government policies on the stock market.
20. The magician used _____ to distract the audience and perform the trick.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

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| 21. The artist was caught selling paintings that were proven to be . |
| 22. The con artist's entire scheme was built on a foundation of lies and . |
| 23. The politician was known for his unwavering and honesty in public service. |
| 24. The film was heavily for its poor acting and predictable plot. |
| 25. The orchestra played a beautiful Mozart that captivated the audience. |
| 26. The climber's attempt to scale the treacherous peak garnered worldwide attention. |
| 27. The new restaurant quickly generated a lot of positive among food critics. |
| 28. The highly sequel to the popular book series finally hit the shelves. |
| 29. His unwavering to the cause inspired others to join the movement. |
| 30. The well- plan led to the successful capture of the criminal gang. |



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Extort 2. Speculation 3. Embodies 4. Witty 5. Flaunted 6. Criticism 7. Aggravated 8. Licensing 9. Accessorized 10. Orchestrating

Gap-Fill: 11. cease-and-desist 12. statutory 13. ignited 14. commitment 15. reveal 16. anticipation 17. involvement 18. excitement 19. speculate 20. misdirection

Matching sentence: 1. forgery 2. deception 3. integrity 4. criticized 5. ensemble 6. daring 7. buzz 8. anticipated 9. commitment 10. orchestrated

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