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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

TO: File 46-18-0183

FROM: Senior Special Agent Charles R. Miles

RE: The Security Guys (not registered in SC)
South Carolina, State of (Victim)

COUNTY: Aiken

Introduction

On October 15, 2018, Senior Special Agent (SSA) Charles R. Miles was assigned to do an investigation on "The Security Guys", a security company out of the State of Georgia. According to the complaint made by Brian McDuffie, the Security Guys have been operating in the State of South Carolina for years without being registered as a security company.

Summary

On October 15, 2018, SSA Miles and SS/A Dowling received an email from Lt. Natalie Crosland regarding a complaint involving “The Security Guys” operating illegally as a security company in the State of South Carolina (**Attachment 1**).

On October 16, 2018, SSA Dowling and SSA Miles travelled to Aiken County to speak with officials with the University of South Carolina Aiken about the above mentioned security company because per the complaint via email from Brian McDuffie, the company had been working events at the University of South Carolina Aiken. SSA Dowling and SSA Miles verified through the South Carolina Law Enforcement Regulatory Office that the security company was not license as a security company in the State of South Carolina. SSA Dowling and SSA Miles spoke with University of South Carolina Aiken Chief of Police Kevin Liles about the security company and he stated that he did not have any information regarding the company because his office was not in charge of getting security personnel for campus events. Chief Liles directed us to Justin Glessner who is the Manager of Campus Events at the University of South Carolina Aiken. Chief Liles contacted Mr. Glessner and asked him to meet agents at his office. Mr. Glessner met with agents and was informed about the security company operating in South Carolina without a State of South Carolina Security License. Mr. Glessner stated that he did have a working relationship with this company but did not have knowledge that they were working illegally in the State of South Carolina. Mr. Glessner admitted that he did not properly research the company. Mr. Glessner agreed to not contact “The Security Guys” for any on campus events in the future. SSA Dowling and SSA Miles left contact information and asked University of South Carolina Aiken officials to contact if they had any further questions regarding security companies.

SSA Dowling and SSA Miles then travelled to the Aiken County Fairgrounds located at 561 May Royal Drive, Aiken SC, to speak with County Fair Officials because the complaint also stated that “The Security Guys” were working county fair events and the fair was scheduled to open that weekend. SSA Dowling and SSA Miles drove to the back entrance of the gate and

witnessed a white female identified as Pamela Maddox of [REDACTED] Augusta, GA by State of Georgia Driver's License (**Attachment 2**) holding a walkie talkie and wearing a red t-shirt with "The Security Guys" displayed on the front of it and "Security" on the back (**Attachment 3**). SSA Dowling and SSA Miles approached the female and informed her that the security company she was representing was not registered in the State of South Carolina to work security. SSA Dowling asked her how many security guards did they have on site and she stated that it was only her and another black male. She contacted the black male identified as Gregory Roberts of [REDACTED] Augusta, GA by State of Georgia Driver's License (**Attachment 4**) who was securing another entry point to the fairgrounds with a walkie talkie, same red t-shirt (**Attachment 5**) and informed him that they were directed to leave as employees of the "Security Guys". SSA Dowling and SSA Miles directed them to inform their supervisor why they were being directed to leave. They contacted their supervisor Mr. William Mills and he asked to speak with SSA Dowling. SSA Dowling spoke with him and informed him that his company was operating illegally in the State of South Carolina because they were not license to work security through the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. Mr. Mills had several questions. SSA Dowling and SSA Miles directed him to Diane Conner of SLED Regulatory and she informed him that their company was not registered in our state as a legitimate security company. *Note: SSA Dowling took pictures that are documented as attachments.*

SSA Dowling and SSA Miles informed fairground officials Amanda Dennis [REDACTED] and Kevin Lucas [REDACTED] that the "Security Guys" could not be contracted as a security company because they are not license to work security in the State of South Carolina. SSA Dowling and SSA Miles informed them that they needed to get a license company in South Carolina to work the fairground. SSA Dowling and SSA Miles left their contact information with fairground officials and left the fairgrounds.

Conclusion:

The following statements are based upon facts obtained during the investigation:

- According to a complaint submitted by complainant Brian McDuffie the “Security Guys” security company which is out of the State of Georgia was working security events without being registered as a license security company in the State of South Carolina. (Attachment 1)
- SSA Dowling and SSA Miles caught security guards employed by the ‘Security Guys’ working at the Aiken County Fairground and directed them to leave because they were not a license security company in our state.

This report will be submitted to the proper prosecutorial authority for review.

SSA Charles R. Miles

Attachments

- 1). Complaint from Brian McDuffie
- 2). Picture of Pamela Maddox State of Georgia Driver's License
- 3). Picture of Pamela Maddox wearing "Security Guys" t-shirt
- 4). Picture of Gregory Roberts State of Georgia Driver's License
- 5). Picture of Gregory Roberts wearing "Security Guys" t-shirt

Crosland, Natalie

From: Crosland, Natalie
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 9:57 AM
To: 'Miles, Charles R (cmiles@sled.sc.gov)'; 'Dowling, Jimmy (jdowling@sled.sc.gov)'
Subject: FW: Complaint of illegal Security Company.
Attachments: Complaint details.pdf

From: Brian Mcduffie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2018 7:12 PM
To: Crosland, Natalie <ncrosland@sled.sc.gov>
Subject: Complaint of illegal Security Company.

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Attached is a letter regarding the company, The Security Guys. They are located in GA, however, they are operating in SC as well. We know they operate at the Aiken County Fair as well as the USCA Convocation Center.

This company has been turned over to numerous State of GA/Federal authorities (GA Dept of Labor, GA Dept of Revenue, GA & US Dept of Labor, GA State Board of Workers Compensation Enforcement Division, well as the IRS. This is due to that fact that they are misclassifying their employees as subcontractors (via 1099) which makes the employees their own separate individual entity. They also do not have any Workers Comp insurance, however, I'm not sure on the SC requirement. It also appears that have no business license either. One was obtained in 2015, but none are located after that.

Feel free to reach out to me at [REDACTED].

I, along with 2 others, own a security company here in GA. We are reaching out to authorities about this illegal behavior due to us owners being GA certified Peace Officers. Also, it is due to that fact that when individuals and/or companies operate in this profession illegally, it puts a "black-eye" on the entire profession, as well as it subjects liabilities to community members in which they operate & the clientele they are servicing.

This company has been operating for approx. 4 years.

Complaint

Against: The Security Guys

Details of the Complaint:

A local company going by the name of "The Security Guys" has been operating, from what it appears, since 2015. The company is operating as a totally separate entity from the clients they service. Contained in the complaint is the names of the owners: Williams Mills and Brian Brady. Also contained in the report is their address and a copy of a business license from 2015. I have checked the State of GA website for their license via their business name and owner's names. I have also spoken with a State Board official via website who has also not found any record of their existence.

The Security Guys employs numerous individuals and they dawn a red polo shirt with the name "Security Guys" on the left chest. At present, it is known that they are working in at the below locations:

James Brown Arena
The Bell Auditorium
Macon Centreplex
Jessye Norman Amphitheater
Kids Prompt Care

Lady Antebellum Amphitheater
Aiken County Fair
Miller Theater
Jessie Carroll Community Center

There are several documents enclosed validating those locations. I have even called the Macon Centreplex and verified with the location that they do have in-house security and that they hire The Security Guys as well to supplement their in-house staff, if need be. I have also spoken with Kids Prompt Care and verified that they have The Security Guys contracted out to work their facility from 1700hrs to 2200hrs seven days per week.

It was asked (prior to the event) of the event organizer, Papa Joe's Banjo BBQ, if they had security for their event that was held on 05/25/18 at Lady Antebellum Amphitheater of which they replied that they employ a security company "Red Shirt" for their event. Let it be noted that during the event, the location's (which is government owned) field was completely destroyed by large trucks and machinery. Just prior to that that event it rained a lot and vehicles got stuck. Upon that occurring, numerous people attempted to free the stuck vehicles and no security stepped in to halt the actions. The entire field was destroyed causing the location to be shut down for the entire summer. It appears that this company intentionally operates in a clandestine manner when it comes to interacting with persons applying for them and when it comes to organizers revealing who they are.

There is no way to check whether the company has any bond or even insurance for that matter. It is my understanding that insurance companies required licensed-required professions/contractors to have the license at the time of obtaining insurance. I have checked with the local authorities and no The Security Guys do not even have a business license to operate.

Based on the facts known and the presumed assumptions regarding insurance, this security company is subjecting numerous customers and taxpayers (considering that work at government owned property) with liabilities due to them operating illegal. Based on the fact that they have minimized their advertising and at once had a business license, but have not had one for 3 years after, that they are intentionally circumventing the law and requirements set forth by such as well as the rules and regulations set forth by the GA Board of Private Detective and Security Agencies. Let it also be known that the staff with The Security Guys have not received the state-mandated security training that is required. It is not known at this time if any of them have been operating armed. More details are still be obtained at this time.









