

ARREST WARRANT FORM - 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT – MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WARRANT TYPE: AW

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TO ALL AND SINGULAR SHERIFFS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO IMMEDIATELY ARREST THE DEFENDANT AND BRING HIM OR HER BEFORE ME, A JUDGE IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, TO BE DEALT WITH ACCORDING TO LAW.

DEFENDANT'S NAME: (last) Batista Cunha De Araujo				(first) JOao		(middle)	
STR/APT/CITY/ST/ZIP: 250 Sunny Isles BLvd. #1203 Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33160-4664							
DOB: 04/21/1969	RACE: W	SEX: M	HEIGHT: 5'11	WEIGHT: 240	HAIR: blk	EYES: bro	
SS #:	CIN #:	SID #:	FBI #:				
scars, marks, tattoos (use FCIC/NCIC abbreviations):						IDS #:	
driver's license #:				ST: FL			
veh tag #: 1JMLN	state: FL	make: PORSCHE	model: UT	year: 2023	color: BLUE		
comments:							

BEFORE ME PERSONALLY CAME DET. KENNETH SEALY (AFFIANT), WHO, BEING DULY SWORN, STATES THAT THE DEFENDANT JOAO BATISTA CUNHA DE ARAUJO, DID COMMIT THE ACTS STATED IN THE ATTACHED STATEMENT OF FACTS, BASED UPON THIS SWORN STATEMENT OF FACTS, I FIND PROBABLE CAUSE THAT JOAO BATISTA CUNHA DE ARAUJO DID COMMIT THE CRIMES OF:

CHARGE # CHP/SEC/SUBS	INTENT TYPE/DEGREE	COUNTS	VERSION	CHARGE NAME/DESCRIPTION	BOND AMOUNT
817.034(4)(a)(1)	F1	1		Organized Scheme to Defraud \$50k+	\$20,000
812.014(2)(b)(1)	F2	1		Grand Theft \$20k-\$100K	\$15,000
812.014(2)(c)	F3	2		Grand Theft \$750-\$20K	\$2,500 each
456.065(2)(d)(1)	F3	4		Unlicensed Practice of Healthcare Profession	\$2,500 each
458.327(1)(a)	F3	4		Unlicensed Practice of Medicine	\$2,500 each
934.215	F3	1		Unlawful Use of Two Way Communication Device	\$2,500
458.327(2)(d)	M1	1		Misrepresentation of Medical License	\$2,000

IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTRARY TO FLORIDA STATUTES AND AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

POLICE CASE #: 24-002224

AGENCY #: 085

AGENCY NAME: Aventura Police

ASA'S APPROVAL INITIALS: smc

UNIT #: 058

MIN/MAN: ☒ Not Charged/Not Filed ☐ Charge Filed**EXTRADITE INFORMATION**

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| ☒ 1. Felony - Full extradition | ☐ B. Misdemeanor - Limited extradition |
| ☐ 2. Felony - Limited extradition | ☐ C. Misdemeanor - Extradition - Surrounding states only |
| ☐ 3. Felony - Extradition - Surrounding states only | ☐ D. Misdemeanor - No extradition |
| ☐ 4. Felony - No extradition | ☐ E. Misdemeanor - Pending extradition |
| ☐ A. Misdemeanor - Full extradition | |

SWORN TO BY AFFIANT:(name) DET. KENNETH SEALY

Court ID #: 0289
+ loc code if Miami-Dade

Date: 06/17/2025

SO ORDERED THIS 17th DAY OF June, 2025.JUDGE IN THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
☐ FIRST APPEARANCE JUDGE MAY NOT MODIFY CONDITION OF RELEASE PER RULE 3.131(D)(1)(IV)
 (judge's initials) Arriel Rodriguez

BOND AMOUNT

\$64,500 plus

Passport Surrender

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- ☐ TO ANSWER UNTO THE STATE OF FLORIDA ON AN INFORMATION OR INDICTMENT FILED AGAINST HIM OR HER BY THE STATE ATTORNEY FOR THE CHARGE(S) OF:
- ☐ UPON ORDER OF A JUDGE IN THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT TO ANSWER THE PENDING CHARGE(S) OF:

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JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN
CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMPTROLLER

BY: (Deputy Clerk) (Date) _____

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA)
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COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE)

STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF ARREST WARRANT

Your Affiant is Detective Kenneth Sealy, Badge# 0289 of the Aventura Police Department, has been a police officer for 20 years and has been assigned to the Aventura Police Department Criminal Investigations Unit for the past 14 years. Your Affiant is currently assigned to the department's Specialized & Economic Crimes Unit. Your Affiant is also designated as a sworn Task Force Officer with the United States Secret Service South Florida Identity Theft Task Force and the Department of Homeland Security Investigations as well as a member of the U.S Attorney Identity Theft Strike Force since 2012. Your Affiant has received training in organized fraud and credit card fraud from the Institute of Public Safety, Broward County Florida, and Citigroup Fraud Investigators, Miami-Dade County, Florida., identity theft training from the U.S Secret Service Miami field office, and tax fraud investigation training from the Internal Revenue Service Plantation field office. Your Affiant also received training from the Florida Department of Health regarding Unlicensed Medical Activity investigations. Your Affiant has participated in numerous fraud-related investigations and surveillances. Your Affiant has interviewed numerous persons arrested for fraud charges and has viewed various forms of fraud consisting of, but not limited to, identity theft, credit card fraud, re-embossed credit cards, re-stripped credit/debit cards, money laundering, wire fraud, and fraudulent identifications.

Your Affiant has experience conducting criminal investigations including preparations of search and arrest warrants, utilizing information received from confidential informants, and identification of assets gained through illicit criminal activity,. Your Affiant's training and experience have made him familiar with the manner in which various schemes to defraud are perpetrated and how the proceeds of those

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schemes are manipulated to disguise their illicit source by criminals in the South Florida area. Your Affiant has been certified as an expert witness in fraud and identity theft crimes by multiple U.S Federal Magistrate judges within the Southern District of Florida federal courts. Your Affiant has also worked on investigations involving the sale and purchase of narcotics, auto thefts, residential and vehicle burglaries, organized retail crime groups, as well as violent crimes such as armed robberies, aggravated battery, sexual battery, homicides, etc.

This affidavit is based upon information known personally to your Affiant based upon investigation, and information obtained from others who have investigated this matter and/or have personal knowledge of the facts herein. Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, your Affiant has not included every aspect, fact, or detail of this investigation.

Your affiant now makes an application for a Warrant for the arrest of **JOAO BATISTA CUNHA DE ARAUJO, DOB: 04/21/1969**, W/M (hereinafter "defendant"), for the offense(s) of Scheme to Defraud in an amount of \$50k or more in violation of Florida State Statute 817.034(4)(a)(1), a first-degree felony. Unlicensed Practice of a Healthcare Profession in violation of Florida State Statute 456.065(2)(D)1, a third-degree felony (4 counts). Unlicensed Practice of Medicine in violation of Florida State Statute 458.327(1)(a), a third-degree felony (4 counts). Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device in violation of Florida State Statute 934.215, a third-degree felony. Grand Theft (\$20k or more) in violation of Florida Statute 812.014(2)(b)(1), a second-degree felony. Grand Theft (\$750-\$20k) in violation of Florida State Statute 812.014(2)(c), a third degree felony (2 counts). Misrepresentation of Medical License in violation of Florida Statute 458.327(2)(d), a first-degree misdemeanor. The facts of the case are as follows.

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Unlicensed Practice of Healthcare a Profession: Your Affiant is aware that Unlicensed Practice of a Healthcare Profession is defined by Florida Statute 456.065 (2)(d)1. To prove the crime of Unlicensed Practice of a Healthcare Profession, the state must prove that the defendant practiced, attempted to practice, or offered to practice a health care profession without an active, valid Florida license to practice that profession. Additionally, the state can show that the defendant caused communication, regardless of the means and held himself out as able to practice a health care profession or as able to provide services that require a health care license.

Unlicensed Practice of Medicine: Your Affiant is aware that the Unlicensed Practice of Medicine is defined by Florida Statute 458.327(1)(a). To prove the crime of Unlicensed Practice of Medicine, the state must prove that the defendant practiced or attempted to practice medicine without a license to practice medicine in Florida.

Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device: Your Affiant is aware that the Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device is defined by Florida Statute 934.215. To prove the crime of Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device, the state must prove that the defendant used a two-way communications device to facilitate or further the commission of any felony offense.

Organized Scheme to Defraud: Your Affiant is aware that an Organized Scheme to Defraud is defined by Florida Statute 817.034(4)(a). To prove the crime of Organized Fraud, the state must prove that the defendant engaged in an ongoing course of conduct with intent to defraud one or more persons, or with intent to obtain property from one or more persons by false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises or willful misrepresentations of a future act.

Grand Theft: Your Affiant is aware that Grand Theft is a crime defined by Florida Statute 812.014. To prove the crime of Grand Theft, the State must prove that a defendant knowingly and unlawfully obtained or used, endeavored to obtain, or use the

property of the victim. The State of Florida must show that the person did so with the intent to, either temporarily or permanently, deprive the victim of his or her right to the property or any benefit from it or to appropriate the property of the victim to his or her use or to the use of any person not entitled to it.

Misrepresentation of Medical License: Your Affiant is aware that Misrepresentation of a Medical License is defined by Florida Statute 458.327(2)(d). To prove the crime of Misrepresentation of a Medical License, the state must prove that the defendant led the public to believe that he is licensed as a medical doctor, or is engaged in the licensed practice of medicine when he does not hold a valid and active medical license.

PROBABLE CAUSE

Your Affiant is the lead investigator into an ongoing criminal investigation into violations of Florida State Statutes to include but not limited to; the Unlicensed Practice of Medicine and Scheme to Defraud being perpetrated by JOAO BATISTA CUNHA DE ARAUJO (hereinafter "the defendant") and AMANDA SOARES FELIZARDO UNGARO (hereinafter "the co-defendant").

In April 2024, the Aventura Police Department received two separate Crime Stoppers tips. These tips alleged that the defendant was operating an unlicensed medical office in Aventura. The anonymous complaint identified the business as the Miami Beauty Academy located at 2820 NE 214th Street, suites 1001, 1003, and 1004, Aventura, Florida 33180. The allegations indicated that the defendant was operating the unlicensed facility and performing medical procedures to include but not limited to liposuction, ear surgeries, Botox injections, and buttock fillers. The tip alleged that the defendant is a doctor in Brazil; however, is not licensed in the United States but advertises himself as a doctor and performs medical procedures. Additionally, it alleged

that the defendant is renting out his offices to foreign doctors who are also not licensed in the United States to perform procedures and to train students on the execution of cosmetic procedures. These trainings include the use of live model patients who are subject to injections of body fillers such as Botox.

The complaint also identified the following social media profiles used to advertise the illegal business; @doutorjoaoaraujo and @miami.beauty.academy. Your Affiant also discovered an additional Instagram page of @beautyclubmiami associated with the defendants business.

Your Affiant spoke with investigators with the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) who subsequently confirmed that neither the defendant or co-defendant are licensed in any medical discipline in the state of Florida. As such, the defendant is not legally allowed to practice medicine and/or represent himself as a licensed doctor.

Your Affiant subsequently discovered that the business is registered with the Florida Division of Corporations under the name Personal Beauty and Aesthetic Consulters LLC. This business was established on or about May 25, 2021 and lists the defendant as the manager and sole officer of the corporation. At the time of establishment in 2021, the principal address was listed as the defendant's private residence in Sunny Isles Beach, Florida. On October 11, 2023, the principal address was changed to 2820 NE 214th Street, suite 1004, Aventura, Florida 33180.

On or about May 25, 2021, the defendant filed articles of incorporation with the Florida Department of State Divisions of Corporations establishing Personal Beauty and Aesthetic Consulters LLC, a for-profit entity. The defendant was listed as the sole officer of the company with the title of manager. Since its incorporation to present, the defendant remains the sole listed officer of the company.

On or about January 17, 2023, the defendant submitted a certificate of use application to the city of Aventura. The business name was listed as Miami Beauty Academy with the business type listed as private school "Beauty Academy". Based on information obtained from the city of Aventura zoning department, this application was canceled as the proposed use was not permitted in the zoning district. Subsequently, on or about February 3, 2023, the defendant submitted a new certificate of use application to the city of Aventura. This application was under the business name of Spa & Beauty Club and listed the type of business as "cosmetology" and the subtype as a "salon" which was subsequently approved.

In or around May 2023, the Florida Division of Corporations administratively dissolved Personal Beauty and Aesthetic Consultants LLC for failing to file an annual report. On October 11, 2023, the defendant reinstated the business with the Florida Division of Corporations and updated the principal business address from the defendant's home residence to 2820 NE 214th Street, unit 1004, Aventura, FL 33180.

On or about April 23, 2024, law enforcement received an anonymous crimestoppers tip alleging that the defendant was practicing medicine and performing medical procedures such as Botox and body filler injections without being a licensed doctor in Florida. The tip also provided several social media pages used to advertise the presence of the illegal business. The tip further stated that the facility does not have any equipment to sterilize supplies, no sterile gloves, or proper cleaning products for the sterilization of the facility. Your Affiant confirmed with the FDOH that the defendant is not a licensed doctor in any medical discipline in the state of Florida and has never held a license to practice medicine in the state of Florida. As of April 23, 2025, the defendant remains unlicensed to practice medicine in the state of Florida. A certified Affidavit of non-licensure was provided by FDOH.

Your Affiant went to the office building where the principal business address on file with the Florida Divisions of Corporations was located. Your Affiant observed that

the building directory shows that the Miami Beauty Academy (aka MBA) was listed as being in suite 1001 and that Beauty Club (aka Beauty Club Miami) was located in suite 1004, which is located directly across the hall.

Your Affiant then conducted a review of the identified social media pages for the defendant's and the associated medical business of Miami Beauty Academy (MBA) and Beauty Club Miami. Your Affiant is aware that in order to post photos and videos onto a social media platform, a person must utilize an internet capable device such as a smartphone, laptop, and/or a tablet. This device must be able to connect to the internet and send and receive signals. A review of the @beautyclubmiami shows that its profile page lists the business as a Beauty Club/Spa & Advanced Aesthetics with procedures such as Botox, threads, fillers, acids & more. The initial posting on the profile was on February 23, 2024, and was an advertisement that stated "Beauty Club has arrived in Miami!". The advertisement lists the available services as Botox, facial hyaluronic acid filling, PLACL¹ and PDO² thread lifting, Gluteal augmentation with hyaluronic acid, and Ulthera-Ultherapy system.

Your Affiant observed a March 11, 2024, posting with the caption "Does your double chin bother you?", the posting is accompanied by a video showing an unidentified female who appears to be unconscious lying down on a table. A person with a pair of gloved hands holding a syringe can be seen standing over her. During the video, the right hand is seen holding the syringe while the left hand is holding various parts of the neck and jawline. The needle is already inserted into the skin under the neck area as the video starts and the syringe portion appears to have a fatty red substance in the bottom portion. As the video continues the volume of the red fatty substances increase inside of the syringe. The person is seen thrusting the syringe back and forth under the skin and appears to be removing fatty tissue from the neck area in a localized invasive liposuction procedure. The person performing the invasive

¹ Poly(lactic acid-co-caprolactone), is a synthetic polymer used in thread lifting procedures

² polydioxanone (PDO) threads

surgical procedure face is not visible, however; they are wearing a silver watch with three black beaded bracelets on their left wrist and three more black beaded bracelets on their right wrist.



The caption to the video reads; “Does your double chin bother you...Know that it is possible to get rid of your double chin without surgery, and we can do it with the double chin treatment-a non-invasive procedure that can reduce neck fat, improve jawline, and eliminate the double chin”. “It’s a simple and short-duration procedure that offers various benefits and can help boost your self-esteem and get rid of the “little fat” on your chin”. “Want to know more? Click on the bio link and schedule your appointment”.

The posted video, clearly shows that a needle has been used to puncture the surface of the patients skin. The needle can be seen moving under the patients skin and fatty fluid being removed from the patient’s body cavity. This is clearly an invasive medical procedure being performed in direct contradiction to the advertisement caption.

On March 27, 2024, a video was posted showing a person lying down wearing a bikini-style bottom with their buttock cheeks exposed. The cheeks have several circular “guide” markings on them. Moments after the video starts, a person is seen injecting an

unknown filler substance in order to contour the shape of the buttock. At the end of the video, the person is seen standing up and turning in a semi-circle showing off the difference in the contour of her buttock after the procedure. The person performing the invasive cosmetic procedures face is not visible, however; they are wearing the same silver watch with three black beaded bracelets on their left wrist and three more black bracelets on their right wrist as the previous mentioned procedure.

On April 26, 2024, another video is posted showing an unidentified male laying on a table. At one point in the video, several white guide markings appear on the male's face, and two hands holding a needle appear. The person holding the needle then begins to inject an unknown clear fluid into several spots on the male's face. The videos do not show the face of the person performing the procedures; however, it does show that on the left wrist, the person performing the procedure is wearing the same three black beaded bracelets with a silver watch with a dark rotary dial and a dark face. You can also see that three black beaded bracelets are also worn on the right wrist. At one point the camera pans upward showing the Aventura skyline and confirming that the procedure is being performed in the location listed as the principal place of business.



In reviewing several videos posted to @doutorjoaoaraujo, @miami.beauty.academy, and @beautyclubmiami, your Affiant observed that the

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defendant wears the same three pairs of black beads on both wrists and the same silver watch with dark colored face. These videos include full body videos of the defendant between October 11, 2023 and December 10, 2024. These videos include the defendant speaking directly to the camera advertising his medical training academy, highlighting guest instructors, showing him providing medical instruction for facial and gluteal fillers, videos of the defendant filling syringes with body filler fluids, as well as still photographs showing him presenting certificates to graduates of his courses.



Additionally, on or about November 10, 2024, an advertisement posted on @beautyclubmiami showed they were offering “Fotona 4D non-invasive laser face lifting” procedures. On the same day, a video was posted showing a full face shot of the defendant seated over a female patient who was laying down and had eye protection on. The defendant is seen holding a laser in his left hand and moving it over the female’s face. A red laser dot can be seen moving over her face consistent with a laser procedure being performed on the female patient. In this video, the defendant is wearing the same silver watch and three pairs of black beads on both wrists.



On December 16, 2024, a video posted on the @beautyclubmiami page showed a female patient laying down and a male wearing a blue button up shirt, blue jeans, and white medical gloves holding a needle. The needle was inserted under the skin near the patients right cheek. The caption in the video indicates that the patient is having a facial sculpting procedure using an injectable dermal filler substance. Your Affiant noticed that the person performing the procedure was wearing the same silver watch and three sets of black beaded bracelets on both wrists.

Also on December 16, 2024, another video is posted on the @beautyclubmiami page showing a female patient laying down with her abdominal region exposed to the camera. A pair of hands wearing white medical gloves is visible to the camera. The patients abdomen has several white lines drawn on it like a grid. The gloved hands are holding a needle that is inserted just underneath the skin of the abdomen. The needle which appears to have fluid in the syringe portion can be seen moving back and forth under the skin as the fluid is injected into the abdominal area. Based on the caption the procedure is referred to as "sculptra body" and is a fluid injection treatment used for body sculpting. Your Affiant again noticed that the person performing the medical procedure had the same silver watch and three black beaded bracelets on both wrists. As such, your Affiant asserts that the defendant is performing these invasive procedure without being legally licensed in the state of Florida to do so.

Your Affiant reviewed the @miami beauty academy Instagram page and observed that it is advertised as a top-notch hub for beauty and healthcare training. In reviewing the postings your Affiant observed several post advertising multiple training sessions for fillers, face threading, and exosome injections, as well as advertising the space for rent to others looking to host medical-related trainings. There are multiple videos posted in 2024 showing procedures being conducted on live models to include injections in the face, neck, and buttock areas. Several posted videos show the defendant's face while he is wearing gloves with the same watch and black beaded bracelets on both wrists. The defendant is filmed giving instructions to students on filler injections, facial threading, and buttock fillers. In some instances, the defendant is seen filling needles with fluid from a small medical-style bottle, the same type commonly used for filler fluid such as Botox.

Your Affiant also viewed several advertisements between February 2024 and present regarding training classes being conducted. These advertisements identified several doctors who would be acting as training instructors for various segments of the trainings. These foreign national doctors include but are not limited to; S.B, C.G, C.P, and F.C. Your Affiant conducted a search via the FDOH database and determined that none of them are licensed to practice medicine in the state of Florida.

Your Affiant also discovered that the defendant applied for a merchant Care Credit³ account on or about February 16, 2024. The application list the dba⁴ as beauty club with the legal name listed as Personal Beauty and Aesthetic Consulters LLC. As part of the application there is a section titled "Information about your practice". In this section the first question asked if the owner is a board certified physician, your Affiant noted that the answer to this question was "No". The next section asks the applicant to indicate the primary practice specialty and all applicable association memberships. There is also a note that states, "A board certification or association membership is

³ Care Credit: A line of credit issued by Synchrony bank which can be used to pay for health, wellness, and medical cost at approved providers.

⁴ DBA: Doing Business As

required except for Practice Specialty's marked with an asterisk. It then provided several options to include; Plastic/cosmetic surgery/cosmetic medicine, Dermatology, Hair restoration, Medical Aesthetics (MD/DO Owned, Board Certified), Medical Aesthetics* (Non-MD Owned with MD/DO/NP Medical Director), Day Spa*/Hair Salons*.

The selected option was the Medical Aesthetics* (Non-MD Owned with MD/DO/NP Medical Director) with no membership associations selected. The application also lists a medical director who is identified as Dr R.F. The application is signed electronically via docu-sign by the defendant using the name Joao Araujo. Your Affiant further asserts that the application is clear proof that the defendant is knowingly and intentionally operating in direct violation of Florida State Statutes by personally performing invasive medical procedures, performing Botox injections and fluid body filler treatments/injections and teaching hands on medical procedures using live model patients knowing that he is not lawfully licensed to practice medicine in the state of Florida as he clearly noted in the Care Credit merchant account application that he is not a board certified physician.

The establishment of the Care Credit account allows the business to accept Care Credit as a form of payment for its medical, aesthetic, and cosmetic procedures. Care Credit accounts can only be used for payment of medical, dental, and veterinary related services. Your Affiant confirmed that between June 28, 2024 and December 3, 2024 there were eleven (11) Care Credit transactions paid to the defendant's business resulting in approximately \$28,000.00 in payments via Care Credit accounts for medical services rendered.

On January 23, 2025, undercover officers entered the business for a pre-scheduled consultation for a chin liposuction procedure. The undercover detective was equipped with a covert audio/video camera and met with the defendant and co-defendant. During the consultation, the detective was explained by both the defendant and co-defendant that the liposuction procedure would be conducted using local anesthesia and

that the procedure would take about 40 minutes. The defendant then suggested that following the procedure she should do the Fotona laser procedure to tighten up the skin under her chin. The defendant also suggested that the detective use Monjour, a prescription weight loss medicine. The defendant explained that the cost of the Monjour was \$2,000.00 for a four-month supply. The defendant further explained that the detective would go come back to the office each month and would be given four syringes to use once a week.

At the start of every month they would re-evaluate and ensure she has the proper dosage. Neither the defendant or co-defendant are licensed medical professionals in the State of Florida. Approximately twenty-five minutes into the consultation after the above had transpired a licensed physician assistant arrived at the business and joined the consultation. After the consultation, the detective was sent a text message with prices indicating that the liposuction procedure would cost \$4,000.00 and three sessions of Fotona laser would cost \$1,500.00.

On March 6, 2025, law enforcement executed search warrants on the defendants' residence and place of business. The Defendant and Co-defendant reside together. Inside the Miami Beauty Academy office your Affiant discovered multiple copies of a form titled "General Disclaimer" which listed seven sections. Your Affiant noted that the section titled *Instructor Credentials* stated that the defendant is not a board-certified doctor in the United States (see excerpt below).

Instructor Credentials

Dr. João Araujo, the instructor for these classes, is not a board-certified doctor in the United States. Dr. João Araujo's role is solely to provide instruction and education on the procedures. Participation in this class does not confer any legal authority or qualification to perform medical procedures independently.

Your Affiant also noted that a second section titled *Licensing and Supervision Requirements*, informed students that performing injectables, fillers, and other cosmetic procedures without proper state licensing is illegal and punishable by law. It also

informed students that they must obtain the necessary licenses and certifications required by the state of Florida before practicing any procedure (see excerpt below).

Licensing and Supervision Requirements

Participants are hereby advised that practicing injectables, fillers, and other cosmetic procedures without proper state licensing is illegal and punishable by law. International students and participants must ensure they obtain the necessary licenses and certifications required by the state of Florida or any other relevant jurisdiction before practicing any procedures learned during the course.

Your Affiant asserts that the above evidence shows that the defendant and co-defendant were clearly aware that under Florida law they were required to be licensed to practice medicine. The defendant and co-defendant intentionally broke the law by practicing medicine without a license to do so.

Law enforcement also seized the co-defendants cellular phone and located text messages detailing her involvement in the day-to-day operations of the business. The co-defendant arranged appointments, coordinated with the business's medical director on matter such as scheduling and acquiring medications, coordinated and scheduled training courses, and handled other administrative matters for the business. Your Affiant reviewed a text message thread on January 23, 2025, the day of the undercover consultation operation. The co-defendant sends the Physician's Assistant (P.A.) a message saying the patient (undercover detective) is there and is new. The co-defendant states that she doesn't want the defendant to do the consultation because the patient is from Instagram and says "we never know". The P.A replies that it is ok to just say that the defendant runs the school and is a plastic surgeon and just wants to give his opinion, and his partner is on her way. The P.A then says "I will show up so it's legal". Your Affiant asserts this message clearly shows the co-defendants knowledge and willful participation in the ongoing illicit conduct.

Your Affiant also reviewed a text message thread dated January 25, 2025, where the co-defendant is asking a licensed physician "If he could do me this favor" to arrange

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for a prescription to be written for one of the defendant's patients. The co-defendant explains that the prescription is not for the defendant but for a patient of the defendant. This is further evidence that the co-defendant was fully aware that the defendant was not a licensed doctor in the state of Florida and as such was not lawfully permitted to conduct the medical procedures that defendant was actively soliciting patients for.

These conversation shows that the co-defendant was aware the defendant was not lawfully licensed as a medical doctor in the state of Florida. The co-defendant who was financially benefiting from the criminal activity was actively engaged in assisting the defendant in carrying out his criminal conduct. Your Affiant also observed multiple text messages between the defendant and co-defendant in July 2024 where the co-defendant is coordinating liposuction procedures for patients to be performed by the defendant. There are also messages between the co-defendant and the medical director discussing the need to have a licensed person present for some of the training classes which the defendant is teaching. This further shows that the co-defendant had full knowledge that the defendant was not lawfully licensed to practice medicine in the state of Florida.

Your Affiant also viewed several videos on the co-defendants phone showing her performing injections on an unidentified patient at the direction of the defendant. On February 28, 2025, the defendant appears to be teaching the co-defendant how to do body filler injections on a live patient. The co-defendant is seen using a needle to pierce the skin on the patient's forehead prior to injecting the fluid. Additionally, also on February 28, 2025, the co-defendant is seen performing a Fotona laser procedure on the same patients facial area. The co-defendant is seen sitting over the patient while holding the laser arm. The co-defendant then utilizes her foot to step on the activation pedal at which point the machine begins to beep and you can hear the distinct arcing sound of the laser cycle. The co-defendant is not licensed in the State of Florida in any medical discipline and therefore, is not legally allowed to perform laser medical procedures, body filler injections, or any other medical procedure.

Your Affiant also located multiple videos on the co-defendant's phone that appear to be the original and unedited videos of the multiple videos posted to the business's social media pages. Based on text messages, the co-defendant had an active role in marketing the business and taking video and photos to be utilized to advertise the business to increase the businesses clientele.

Additionally, during the execution of the search warrant on the business offices of Miami Beauty Academy law enforcement recovered various medications with labels indicating they were from Brazil with writing on the medication in Portuguese. Some of the medicine had prescription labels attached to them showing they were prescribed in Brazil under various individual names. Law enforcement also located refrigerated prescription medication Tirzepatide which is the generic name for the weight loss medication commonly known as Mounjaro and is only available by prescription.

Patient A.J.

Your Affiant interviewed a victim identified as A.J who stated that she was a client of the Beauty Club Miami business. A.J provided a recorded statement in which she stated that she was a client of the defendant when he first opened the office in early 2023. A.J stated that the defendant injected fillers into her lips and jaw area. A.J said that the defendant injected 17 bottles of filler in a single sitting and charged her over \$15,000.00 for the procedure, which he later reduced to around \$7,000.00. A.J told your Affiant that within three days of having the procedure done, a large lump formed in her lip and some of the fillers hardened in her jaw/cheek bone area. A.J indicated that she went back to the defendant who then injected a substance to dissolve the body filler he previously injected. A.J stated that she still has some of the hardened filler in her face and is working with a licensed plastic surgeon to correct the ongoing issue. A.J was not aware that the defendant was not a licensed physician in the state of Florida. A.J confirmed that the defendant was the sole provider of her medical services.

PATIENT K.J.

Your Affiant also identified a second client of Beauty Club Miami based on financial payment records. Your Affiant spoke with K.J who confirmed she was a client of the defendant. K.J stated in May 2024 she paid the defendant to perform a localized liposuction procedure on her. K.J confirmed that this procedure occurred in the Aventura office location and that she was awake during the entire procedure. K.J stated that a local anesthetic was used on her for the procedure. K.J confirmed that the defendant was the one who performed the entire procedure including administering the local anesthetic and that the only other person present was the defendant. K.J confirmed that the \$5,000.00 payment your Affiant located in the business financial records was the payment she made for the liposuction procedure. K.J stated that she believed the defendant was a licensed doctor.

PATIENT R.R.

Your Affiant made contact with a third client of Beauty Club Miami identified as R.R. R.R stated that she has been a client of the defendant since approximately April 2024. R.R stated that over the course of the last several months the defendant personally performed multiple procedures on her to include but not limited to; body filler injections in her lips and face, Botox treatments, cosmetic laser treatments, and localized liposuction on her arms and hip area. She confirmed that all the procedures were performed at the Aventura office location by the defendant. R.R stated that she was fully awake and under only local anesthesia during the liposuction procedures and confirmed it was performed by the defendant with no other doctors present. R.R confirmed she paid approximately \$7,000.00 for the liposuction procedure. R.R was able to identify a photograph from the business Instagram account with the caption "liposuction" and a female laying on her stomach with her back and buttock exposed, as a photo taken of her during her procedure.

Additionally, she stated that she paid over \$8,000.00 to the defendant in February 2025 for cosmetic laser treatment and fillers for her and her mother. R.R

stated that she was not aware that the defendant was not licensed to practice medicine in the state of Florida. Had R.R been aware that he was not licensed she stated she would not have allowed him to do the liposuction procedures. A review of R.R's billing history showed that between March 22, 2024 and August 30, 2024, R.R had approximately 9 separate appointments for the various medical procedures which resulted in a cost of over \$50,000.00.

Your Affiant also interviewed C.U. who was an unpaid intern for Beauty Club Miami from January 2024 to August 2024. C.U. confirmed that between the listed months, they worked two to three days a week at the office as needed. They confirmed that their primary duties included cleaning the work areas, sterilizing and cleaning patient skin prior to procedures, and handing the defendant materials during the procedure. C.U confirmed that during their time working there the defendant was the only person they observed performing procedures. C.U. confirmed they personally observed the defendant administer Botox injections, filler injections, and on at least one occasion perform a localized liposuction procedure. C.U. also stated that the defendant administered a localized anesthetic during the liposuction procedure and that the patient was awake during the procedure. C.U. confirmed that there were no other doctors or medical staff around during the procedures they witnessed.

Your Affiant asserts that this ongoing course of conduct shows the defendants have intentionally and deceptively advertised the defendant to the general public as a doctor using social media and internet-based platforms for the sole purpose of recruiting paying clientele for both his medical aesthetic procedure business and his medical instruction business. The defendants have engaged in an ongoing course of conduct intended to misrepresent to their clients that the defendant is lawfully able to perform the advertised medical procedures in order to obtain their money which they likely would not pay if they were aware that he was not a licensed to practice medicine in the state of Florida. The defendants have conspired with other known and unknown co-conspirators in furtherance of this scheme.

Based upon the above, your Affiant has probable cause to believe that **JOAO BATISTA CUNHA DE ARAUJO** has committed the crimes of:

Organized Scheme to Defraud \$50K; FSS 817.034(4)(a)1 (1 count)
Grand Theft \$20k- \$100k; FSS 812.014(2)(b)1 (1 count)
Grant Theft \$750 - \$20k; FSS 812.014(2)(C) (2 counts)
Unlicensed Practice of a Healthcare Professional; FSS 456.065(2)(d)(1) (4 counts)
Unlicensed Practice of Medicine; FSS 458.327(1)(a) (4 counts)
Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device; FSS 934.215 (1 count)
Misrepresentation of Medical License; FSS 458.327(2)(d) (1 count)



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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 17th day of June, 2025.



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