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Police: Hulkster sex tape stolen by Bubba exemployee

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TAMPA (FOX 13) - It's a twisted tale that involves a leaked Hulk Hogan sex tape, theft, and extortion. Now, 18 months later, Tampa police are revealing details of their investigation -- and they are explosive.

Tampa police detectives say at the center of their investigation is Matt "Spiceboy" Loyd, something FOX 13 had reported months ago.

The former employee of radio star Bubba 'The Love Sponge,' they write, "stole several sex tape DVD's from Bubba's office" and then shopped clips of the sex tape and sold it to TMZ to "build interest."

But doesn't it end there. They say Loyd contacted a well-known sex tape broker named Keith Davidson from California to "engage in the extortion of Terry Bollea," better known as wrestling star Hulk Hogan.

Detectives say Loyd tried to hide his tracks by paying a middleman to do the dirty work. He recruited, they say, his wife Tasha's best friend from high school, Lori Burbridge. Detectives say she was to be paid \$10,000 for her involvement.

Burbridge told detectives she was "instructed" to meet with the sex tape broker in order to "complete negotiations with Bollea and his attorney."

Hoping to keep the theft a secret, she said Loyd came up with a story that he had obtained the sex tapes during a Bubba yard sale.

Burbridge said Loyd also leaked pictures of the sex tape to TheDirty.com and TMZ and was paid \$8,500.

The report says, to remain anonymous, Loyd had Burbridge sign the tax forms and put it her bank account. Documents show she then handed Loyd a cashier's check for \$8,000.









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Mark Cox, spokesperson for the Hillsborough State Attorney's Office, explained: "We reviewed the case in great detail -- the TPD report is only part of the overall investigation. We came to the conclusion that we had no reasonable expectation of success in prosecution."

Disappointed with the SAO decision, Clem contacted FOX 13.

"I think my rights have been violated," he complained, "but who's gonna listen to me? Nobody can fight the good ol' boy network."







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