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**Finding      Investigated – Fraud Established.**

**Background**

On the 12 July 2011 information was received that Yau Pang MOK was using false identities in relation to financial fraud. One of the Australian Passports used belonged to another person who had reported it lost/stolen. MOK was altering the Bio- data pages of documents to facilitate his fraud..

**Investigation**

On the 7/9/2011 a charge and warrant to arrest was issued in the Melbourne Magistrates Court for Yau Pang MOK.  
This warrant was executed on the 14/12/2011. MOK was remanded in custody until the 19/12/2011 before being released on bail. He is to appear on the 6 March 2012 at the Melbourne Magistrate Court.

A hand up brief was prepared and served on the accused lawyer on the 20/1/2012

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1. *Cause and effect*  
 Fraud detected,

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**Outcomes**

MOK appeared before SM Jelene Popovic on the 26 Feb 2013. He was found guilty under the Criminal Code sec 145.2(5) of Possession of a forged document and Anti Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Act 2006 sec 140(1).

Maximum of 6 months to enter a Reg of \$1000.00. To be of good behaviour for 12 Months. On release he was then arrested by Vicpol and extradited to N.S.W to face further charges.

Magistrate made the comment: this was serious offending. It showed some sophistication and this type of offending undermines the integrity of the passport system.

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 Senior Investigator  
 Passport Fraud Section  
 Date: 15/3/2013

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 A/g NIM,  
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### Finding      Offence substantiated

#### Background

NSW Police Missing Person Unit received notification that S47F(1) was missing. The missing person's sister, S47F(1) S47F(1) claimed that she had taken her passport S47F(1), and the MR check showed that the passport had been used to exit Australia on 19/05/2011 and remained offshore.

The missing person is believed to have used her sister's passport to exit Australia.

#### Investigation

The parents of S47F(1) travelled overseas and returned with her.

On 02/02/2012 S47F(1) lodged an adult passport application for herself.

On 06/02/2012 she was interviewed by S22(1) and S22(1) in relation to her using her sister's passport.

She stated that she had met a man on the internet and fell in love with him.

Her parents refused to allow her to have an Australian Passport so she could travel to see him, so she stole her sister's passport and travelled to Dubai to meet him.

Her father then went to Dubai and brought her back to Australia.

She later told S22(1) that her father severely punished her for meeting this man in Dubai.

S47F(1) was given a verbal warning regarding the penalties under the APA 2005 and then handed a warning letter.

Considering that this female was a minor at the time she used her sister's passport and there was no criminal intent, it appears to be a juvenile decision influenced by emotion and that it is likely that the CDPP would not prosecute (or that any sentence handed down by the court is likely to be very minor) and that when a cost/benefit analysis is applied it would not be beneficial for PFS to pursue the matter any further than giving an administrative outcome. I recommend that this case be closed.

**Result:**

Offence substantiated.

S47F(1) was issued with a warning letter.

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**Outcomes**

It is recommended that this case be closed

**FEEDBACK:**

**Nil.**

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NIM,  
Passport Fraud Section  
Date 9.2.2012



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### **Finding      Investigated – Pleaded guilty**

#### **Background / Investigation**

Passport S47F(1) was issued to S47F(1) on 11 January 2011. This passport was reported lost in the mail and cancelled by MBPT with a gratis replacement. Enquiries by MBPT at the time in relation to the initial missing in mail, received advice from Aust Post that the passport was part of mail stolen from the delivery driver's van. S47F(1) contacted APO on 12 April 2012 as she had been advised by VicPol that her missing passport had been retrieved in a house as the result of a search warrant. She further advised that her passport was carded at her premises and when going to collect it the next day at the Post Office it wasn't there. The delivery person took the mail home due to the Post Office and Delivery Centre being shut by the time he had finished his round. The passports along with other mail were allegedly stolen from his van. VicPol currently have the passport. S47F(1) also stated that the passport was presented to a Bank (without alteration) and a bad debt has been created in her name because of the theft.

PFSI raised with VicPol in relation to Passport Act offences and the circumstances surrounding the actual mail theft. A second passport was identified as also having been stolen in the same incident which is S47F(1) issued to S47F(1). PFS supplied a statement to VicPol.

VicPol charged S47F(1) with possession and use of an Australian passport without authority.

In may 2013, S47F(1) was convicted of the Australian Travel Document possession charges and fined \$500 with \$107.80 statutory costs. She was also convicted on other charges and placed on a Community correction Order for 24 months and must perform 200 hours of community work and her suspended sentence was wholly restored, however, a 3 month term was given but was reckoned as a period of imprisonment already served under this stence. The charge relating to the use Australian Travel Document was withdrawn.

### **Outcomes**

Passports to be returned to MBPT and destroyed.

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Passport Fraud Section  
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### Finding Investigated –

#### Background / Investigation

1. On 24 November 2012, S47F(1) arrived as an undocumented arrival at Sydney Airport on Garuda GA714 from Denpasar, Bali. A subsequent inspection of the aircraft located the cover page of Australian Passport S47F(1)
2. Australian Passport S47F(1) was issued to S47F(1) S47F(1) on 24 May 2007, expiring 24 May 2017.
3. On Monday, 26 November 2012, S47F(1) attended at the Australian Embassy Jakarta and reported Australian Passport S47F(1) stolen. S47F(1) S47F(1) made a written statement that the passport was stolen from his hotel room by a prostitute about 10:00pm Jakarta Local Time (JLT) on Thursday 22 November 2012. He further stated that he did not know it was stolen as he slept for 16 hours and when he realised it had been stolen, the Australian Embassy was closed for the weekend.
4. On 26 November 2012, I commenced an investigation to ascertain if S47F(1) S47F(1) was complicit in facilitating the travel of S47F(1) to Australia.
5. On 26 November 2012, I emailed Jakarta Passports requesting a copy of travel itinerary for suspect S47F(1)

6. On 29 November 2012, I conducted a recorded un-cautioned interview with [S47F(1)] with DIAC officer [S47F(1)] at Melbourne Airport. [S47F(1)] maintained that he was a victim of theft from his hotel room in Jakarta where his passport was stolen. Further details about [S47F(1)] [S47F(1)] movements, contacts with foreign tourists, local nationals, and phone calls he made were obtained.
7. On 29 November 2012, about 13:30hrs I conducted an interview with the undocumented arrival [S47F(1)] at the Villawood Detention Centre, in company with Investigator [S47F(1)] provided a chronological account of his movements since leaving Jakarta, transiting through Denpasar and arriving in Sydney. He stated the 'fake' passport he used was purchased for \$5000USD from a well known Indonesian, [S47F(1)]. He denied having any links to the Australian holder of the passport [S47F(1)].
8. [S37(2)(b), S47F(1)]
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12. [S42(1), S47F(1)]

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**Conclusion**

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**Recommendation**

**14.** I recommend the case be closed.

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**Outcomes**  
**Case closed**

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Passport Fraud Section  
Date: 7 May 2013

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