

RENTAL HOUSE SYNDICATE

Incident Report

FRAUD | May 15, 2026 | \$18,000.00

Incident Summary

Renter / Subject	Ranjith Kankanala
Production	Ranjith Studios LLC
Incident Type	fraud Rented/not returned
Date of Loss	May 15, 2026
Estimated Value	\$18,000.00
Status	Approved

Location

Burbank, CA
United States
Incident Type Rented

Incident Details

Renter cold emailed asking for a 2 camera Sony FX6 Package to shoot the GP NextFest LA County Fair event (which is real). Cited budget of \$850-\$1200, which is well above a one day weekend rate for two cameras. We assumed he also needed accessories but didn't know to explicitly ask for them. Accepted substituting an fx3 for his b cam immediately. Then asked for a 70-200 and 28-70 lenses, and accepted substitutes again immediately. All quotes were accepted very quickly. Collected Rental Agreement, card saved on file via Stripe, and received a COI from Verify DBA Thimble without issue. Annual policy that had a start date on the day it was provided to us. Insurance was verified. As this was a new client and initially suspicious of his quick replies and high budget, we researched his online presence and were satisfied. The name used is a wedding photographer from San Jose, CA, which is close enough to Los Angeles that it could've made sense. Website and social accounts appeared to be very real and comprehensive. Seemed like a client who got a bigger job than he was used to in a different city and was just in a little over his head. He notified us that his PA Rolando would pick up the equipment. His card was charged without issue. The person who picked up confirmed his name was Rolando verbally and seemed to be in a hurry, but nothing out of the ordinary for a PA at the time stood out. Renter then did not respond to texts emails or calls, and the number listed now says disconnected.

Renter Information

Company	Ranjith Studios LLC
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Phone	Not provided
Email	Not provided
Drivers License	Not provided

Equipment Involved

Item	Manufacturer	Model	Serial
Cameras (Motion), Len...	Sony	FX6	Looking for it
Cameras (Motion), Len...	Sony	FX3	3395227
Cameras (Motion), Len...	Sony	FE 24-70mm f/2...	2098995
Cameras (Motion), Len...	Sony	FE 24-105mm f/...	looking for it
Cameras (Motion), Len...	Sony	Tough CFExpres...	NA
Cameras (Motion), Len...	Sony	Tough CFExpres...	NA
Cameras (Motion), Len...	Sony	4x NP-FZ100 Ba...	NA

Police / Insurance

Police Department	M Krebs
Police Report Number	26-25816
Insurance Company	Athos Insurance Services, LLC
Insurance Claim Number	Not provided

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