

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-16-0332
07-CR-16-1426

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

TRAVIS JOHN OLSON DOB: 03/19/1985

2004 7th Ave
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

The Complainant submits this complaint to the Court and states that there is probable cause to believe Defendant committed the following offense(s):

COUNT I

Charge: Receiving Stolen Property

Minnesota Statute: 609.53.1, with reference to: 609.52.3(3)(a)

Maximum Sentence: 5 years and/or \$10,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/03/2016

Control #(ICR#): 15017235

Charge Description: Travis John Olson Also Known As Chad Allen Olson, Travis J Olson And Travis Olson

On or before February 3, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Travis John Olson, did receive, possess, transfer, buy, or conceal any stolen property or property obtained by robbery, knowing or having reason to know the property was stolen or obtained by robbery and the value of the property is over \$1,000.00.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On December 26, 2015, at approximately 5:07 p.m., Deputy Scott Wolfe, of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office, investigated a reported burglary at Adult1's property in rural Blue Earth County. Deputy Wolfe met with Adult1's brother, Adult2. Adult2 stated that some buildings on the property and some semitrailers were broken into. Adult2 stated that Adult1 was out of town. Adult2 estimated that there was approximately \$4,000 of copper scrap stolen.

On January 2, 2016, Deputy Chris Welle was dispatched to the same location to meet with Adult1. Adult1 stated that he observed there were additional items missing from his buildings. Adult1 reported that a padlock had been cut off the door of one of his sheds and whoever cut it off put a new padlock in what Adult1 believed was an attempt to make it look like the building had not been broken into. Adult1 took Deputy Welle inside the building and showed Deputy Welle a bolt cutter that was left by the door in the shed. Adult1 stated it was not his bolt cutter and must have been left by whoever cut the lock. Later Adult1 provided a detailed list of items that were stolen from his property. The list included copper scrap metal and historic statue busts, among several other missing items.

On February 18, 2016, Detective Billiar was informed by the Waseca County Sheriff's Office that they had detained Travis John Olson, date of birth March 19, 1985. The Waseca County Sheriff's Office reported that when they arrested Olson a search of his vehicle revealed several items that the Sheriff's Office suspected were stolen. In the property deputies located a receipt for Pawn America for the sale of five statues, dated January 29, 2016. The receipt listed that the statues included one of Abraham Lincoln and one of William Shakespeare, both of which were reported stolen by Adult1. Deputies also found several other tools that resembled tools Adult1 reported stolen.

Detective Billiar met with the Pawn America store manager who stated he remembered Olson bringing in the statues and the manager questioned Olson about where he got them. The store manager stated that Olson told him that he got the statues from his parents. The store manager stated they looked like they were from a museum or school, but Olson claimed they were from his parents. The store manager stated Olson said he wanted \$6,000 for the five statues. The store manager stated he gave Olson \$401.50 for the five statues, but he believed they were valuable. The store manager believed the retail price could be up to \$3,000 each for the larger ones. The store manager provided Deputy Billiar with the original signed pawn receipt with the name of Travis John Olson, dated January 29, 2016; and a DVD with the transaction video. Detective Billiar later texted photos of the five statues to Adult1 who confirmed that they were his stolen statues that he had collected from a school he was demolishing.

Detective Billiar was later able to find a firm that evaluates and estimates the value of the particular plaster busts that were stolen from Adult1. Detective Billiar contacted the company and they provided an estimated value of the Lincoln and Washington busts at up to \$700. A value of the Shakespeare and another bust at a value up to \$600. The fifth bust which was smaller valued at up to \$300. This a total of \$2,900.

On January 25, 2016, Detective Jerry Billiar contacted Alter Trading-Mankato Recycling Center. Alter staff informed Detective Billiar that they are familiar with Travis Olson and they would check their scrap records for Olson from December 2015 through January 2016 and report back to Detective Billiar. Detective Billiar was later contacted by Alter staff who provided Detective Billiar with reports about the materials Olson had scrapped, along with photos of the metal Olson had scrapped. Detective Billiar showed the photos of the scrapped metal to Adult1 who verified that the metal in the photos was his scrap metal. Adult1 identified several pieces of metal that were unique and not available to the general public that he had stored in his sheds that was stolen. The receipts provided by Alter staff showed that Olson received a total of \$1,685 for

all of the scrap metal he provided that Adult1 had identified as his scrap metal.

Detective Billiar made contact with Olson and read him his Miranda Rights. Olson agreed to speak to Detective Billiar. Olson admitted he sold the statues to Pawn America, but denied burglarizing Adult1's property. Olson claimed he got the statues from a friend, but that he would not snitch on his friend. Olson also admitted he had sold the cooper, but denied any knowledge of the cooper stolen from Adult1's property.

SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS

Complainant requests that Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release, be:
(1) arrested or that other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court; or
(2) detained, if already in custody, pending further proceedings; and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.

Complainant declares under penalty of perjury that everything stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116; Minn. R. Crim. P. 2.01, subds. 1, 2.

Complainant

Richard Murry
Captain
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2708

Electronically Signed:
04/11/2016 01:16 PM
Blue Earth County, MN

Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

Prosecuting Attorney

Steven Kelm
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
04/11/2016 01:07 PM

FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

From the above sworn facts, and any supporting affidavits or supplemental sworn testimony, I, the Issuing Officer, have determined that probable cause exists to support, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable, Defendant's arrest or other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court, or Defendant's detention, if already in custody, pending further proceedings. Defendant is therefore charged with the above-stated offense(s).

SUMMONS

THEREFORE YOU, THE DEFENDANT, ARE SUMMONED to appear on **May 12, 2016 at 2:30 PM** before the above-named court at 401 Carver Rd, Mankato, MN 56002-0347 to answer this complaint.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR in response to this SUMMONS, a WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST shall be issued.

WARRANT

To the Sheriff of the above-named county; or other person authorized to execute this warrant: I order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the Defendant be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the court (if in session), and if not, before a Judge or Judicial Officer of such court without unnecessary delay, and in any event not later than 36 hours after the arrest or as soon as such Judge or Judicial Officer is available to be dealt with according to law.

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Execute in Border States

ORDER OF DETENTION

Since the Defendant is already in custody, I order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the Defendant continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

Bail: \$
Conditions of Release:

This complaint, duly subscribed and sworn to or signed under penalty of perjury, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer as of the following date: April 11, 2016.

Judicial Officer

Krista J Jass
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 04/11/2016 02:44 PM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

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TRAVIS JOHN OLSON

Defendant

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this
Summons upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: