

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. BEC-16-0133
Court File No. 07-CR-16-532

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

JAWAUN TYREELL TAYLOR DOB: 08/26/1992

401 Carver Road Blue Earth County Jail
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(4)

Maximum Sentence: 1 year and/or \$3,000

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/21/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15025271

Charge Description: Jawaun Tyreell Taylor Also Known As Jawaun Tyrell Taylor

On or about August 21, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Jawaun Tyreell Taylor 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 was over \$500.00 but not more than \$1,000.00.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 21, 2015, at approximately 3:46 p.m., Officer Myers with the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to a possible attempted burglary in the City of Mankato. The complainant, Adult 1, indicated to Officer Myers that he had been sleeping at his apartment at 205 Briargate Road, Apartment J05. When he woke up, he found the apartment door was damaged and appeared to have been kicked in. Adult 1 said that maintenance for the apartment had already been there and repaired the door. Adult 1 had no idea who might have done this but did report that he thinks a similar thing occurred about a year ago with the prior tenants. Adult 1 estimated that the incident occurred between noon and 3:30 p.m.

On August 22, 2015, Officer Myers again spoke with Adult 1 and his roommate, Adult 2. Adult 2 advised that his guitar and case had been stolen from his bedroom when the forced entry was made into the apartment. At that point in time, Officer Myers had no leads and no suspects and the case was inactive. Officer Myers did ask Adult 2 to provide receipts and an estimate of values of the items that had been taken from his apartment and also to advise law enforcement if they had any other information about who had broken into their apartment.

On August 27, 2015, Officer Myers returned to work and found information in her mail slot with regard to Adult 2 and the value of his items that had been taken. Adult 2 provided the serial number for his guitar along with a receipt showing the value at \$809.95. Adult 2 also provided information regarding the value of the guitar case, some guitar cables, and other accessories. The total amount of his loss was \$1,006.96. Additionally, Officer Myers learned that the guitar had been pawned at Pawnamerica. The paperwork from Pawnamerica showed that an individual identified as Adult 3 had brought the guitar in on August 21, 2015, around 4:03 p.m. A hold had been placed on the guitar.

On September 11, 2015, around 3:45 p.m., Officers Wilkins and Myers went to Warren Street to look for Adult 3 who had been listed on the paperwork at Pawnamerica as having pawned the stolen guitar. A neighbor identified others as now living at that apartment; however, Officer Wilkins investigated another incident where she had contact with Adult 3 on Homestead Road, so the officers drove there. Shortly thereafter, officers arrived at Homestead Apartments. As they pulled into Homestead Road from Monks Avenue, Officer Wilkins advised that Adult 3 was in the parking lot. Officer Myers observed several people near a vehicle parked in the lot south of Homestead Road. She observed a male and two females near a vehicle. Officer Wilkins identified the male as Adult 3 from her previous contacts. Officer Myers advised Adult 3 that they were there to speak with him about something he pawned. Adult 3 knew right away it was the guitar and became very upset and animated. Adult 3 said that another male had asked him to pawn the guitar for him. Adult 3 stated he only knew this male by nickname and attempted to contact him on his phone with no success. Adult 3 stated he was upset that this male asked him to sell a stolen item. Officer Myers told Adult 3 to contact her when he was able to identify the male, and he said that he would.

The next day, Adult 3 placed a phone call to law enforcement asking to speak with Officer Myers. Adult 3 stated that he went and spoke with the mother of the male who asked him to pawn the guitar for him. The mother told him that the male went to Chicago and would not be back for a couple of weeks.

On December 2, 2015, Officer Myers met in person with Adult 3 in the pre-booking area at the Blue Earth County Jail. Adult 3 advised that he could provide the name of the suspect, the male with whom he had been asked to pawn the guitar at Pawnamerica. Adult 3 identified the suspect by the nickname 'CJ' and indicated that 'CJ' had been residing with his mother at 110 Homestead Road, Apartment 23. Adult 3 stated that 'CJ' had a brother who attends East High School. Adult 3 provided some additional information about 'CJ' and provided 'CJ's' mother's name. Adult 3 also stated that he had not seen the guitar before he had been asked to pawn it by 'CJ' and that there were strings and other accessories with the guitar. Adult 3

stated that if Officer Myers observed the surveillance footage from Pawnamerica this footage would verify his version of events.

Officer Myers did view the surveillance footage and it showed Adult 3 and another male pulling up to Pawnamerica and parking in front of the building. The other male brought the guitar into the store and placed it on the counter in the pawn area. Adult 3 is seated at the rear of the room and later goes back out to the vehicle. The male comes out to get Adult 3 who comes inside and goes to the counter where the other male had been interacting with the Pawnamerica employee at the counter with the guitar. The other male (the suspect whom Adult3 has called 'CJ') points at Adult 3 and directs him to the counter where the guitar is. Adult 3 then signs the form.

On December 22, 2015, Officer Myers went to Homestead Road and knocked on the door, attempting to make contact with 'CJ.' She left her business card on the door with a notation asking the residents to call her back.

On January 9, 2016, Officer Myers again went to the Homestead Road address and left another business card on the door. That same day, Officer Myers received a voice message from Adult 4. Adult 4 left her phone number and Officer Myers called Adult 4 back. Officer Myers advised Adult 4 that she was looking to speak with Adult 4's son, 'CJ.' Adult 1 stated there were just two police officers at her house the evening prior, looking for him. When asked what Adult 4's son's name was, she said Jawaun Taylor, the defendant herein. Officer Myers learned that Taylor had been arrested on January 8 and was currently in the Blue Earth County Jail.

On January 10, 2016, Officer Myers met with Taylor in a large room at the Blue Earth County Justice Center in the jail. She recorded her conversation, and Taylor was read his Miranda Rights. Taylor agreed to speak with Officer Myers but claimed to know nothing about the guitar and pawning of the guitar at Pawnamerica. Officer Myers went back and reviewed the surveillance from the date of the pawn again and could see that the suspect male who was with Adult 3 at the time the guitar was pawned matched the description of Taylor.

According to Pawnamerica records, Taylor (using Adult3) had pawned the stolen guitar at 4:03pm the same day, within hours, of Adult1 reporting his apartment had been kicked in and broken into. The guitar was valued at over \$800.00.

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

Deborah McDermott
Patrol Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3143

Electronically Signed:
02/10/2016 09:55 AM
Blue Earth County, mn

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
02/09/2016 01:51 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 **March 3, 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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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: February 10, 2016.

Judicial Officer

Richard C. Perkins
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 02/10/2016 01:07 PM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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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: