

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MISSOULA
BEFORE John L. Petersen, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE JUSTICE COURT

Cause No. CR-2012-10248-

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STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

CHRISTOPHER BENJAMIN CLAPP,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

DEPARTMENT 1
MISSOULA COUNTY, MONTANA

JENNIFER CLARK, Deputy Missoula County Attorney, being duly sworn,
deposes and says that on or about the 31st day of October, 2012, at Missoula
County, the above-named Defendant committed the offense(s) of THEFT, a
Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. §45-6-301(8),
punishable by 10 years MSP and/or \$50,000 fine.

The facts constituting the offense(s) are:

On or about the 31st day of October, 2012, the above-named Defendant
purposely or knowingly obtained or exerted unauthorized control over cash
owned by Twilah Sherven with the purpose of depriving the owner of the
property. The value of the property exceeds \$1,500.00.

DATED this 10th day of November, 2012.


JENNIFER CLARK
Deputy Missoula County Attorney

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of November, 2012.


JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
COMPLAINT 12-2621/MCPD PETERSEN

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AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE
CAUSE

STATE OF MONTANA)
 : ss
County of Missoula)

JENNIFER CLARK, Deputy County Attorney of Missoula County, Montana,
being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I have read the official law enforcement reports regarding the investigation of
CHRISTOPHER BENJAMIN CLAPP for allegedly committing the offense(s) set
forth in the complaint and based upon the information contained in the reports, if
true, believe probable cause exists to justify charging the above-named defendant
as specified in the accompanying complaint.

At 624 p.m. on October 31, 2012, Officer Manaco was dispatched to the
Dillards Store, at the Southgate Mall, for a theft. He met with the visibly upset
Twilah Sherven outside of the north entrance. Sherven stated she has been
dating a male whose name is Christopher B. Clapp over the past two months.
Sherven and Clapp have been homeless and recently she had been awarded
\$8,000.00 from a lawsuit. Sherven said she cashed the check, placing all of the

money inside of her purse. Sherven stated she intended to use the money as a down payment on a home for her, Clapp and her children. Sherven described her purse as being, black in color with a large buckle on the side with the letter "G" covered in fake diamonds. Clapp drove Sherven and a friend to them all and Clapp had expressed his worry to her about carrying around that much money and persuaded her to leave her purse with him as he would wait for her outside of Dillards in the parking lot. Sherven stated she came out and Clapp and his vehicle were gone. Sherven tried to call him but nobody answered. Sherven was convinced Clapp has left the local area possibly en-route to Washington, Idaho, Indiana or Las Vegas.

Detective Petersen contacted Sherven later. Sherven stated she got on the internet looking for Clapp and found a Facebook page called "Help Us Find Christopher Clapp" and said there appears to be other victims of his crimes. She said Clapp is supposedly on supervision with Tim Barr and the phone number is 419-295-1476. She also thought there might be warrants for his arrest. Clapp stated he was going to steal a license plate for the vehicle, but last she saw, it had a temp tag.

Detective Petersen learned that the vehicle Clapp recently purchased was equipped with a GPS locator. She located the vehicle at the Northern Quest Casino in Washington. Detective Petersen was able to confirm that Sherven recently was awarded \$8,000.00.

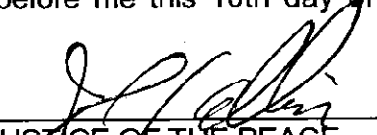
Detective Welsh was later contacted by Sgt. Schurger of the Kalispell Tribal Police department in Airway Heights, Washington. Sgt. Schurger

confirmed that Clapp was staying at the Northern Quest Casino and was exchanging a lot of money in the casino. Specifically he arrived on October 31, 2012, and lost \$2,900.00.

Sherven went to Northern Quest Casino in an attempt to get her money back. Clapp told her he would get her the money on Monday. She still has not received her money.


JENNIFER CLARK
Deputy Missoula County Attorney


SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 10th day of November, 2012.


JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

ORDER

Upon reading the foregoing Affidavit, the Court finds that there is probable cause to believe the above-named Defendant committed the crimes charged.

DATED this 10th day of November, 2012 at 1204 a.m./p.m.


JUSTICE OF THE PEACE