

1 IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA,
2 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MISSOULA
3 BEFORE Amy L Blixt JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
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5 STATE OF MONTANA
6 Plaintiff,
7 -vs-
8 TRISTAN ALFRED STABER
Defendant.

Cause No. CR-2014-12115-C1

COMPLAINT

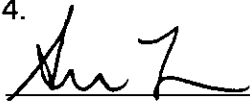
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10 SHAWN THOMAS, Deputy County Attorney, deposes and says that on or about
11 the 17th day of April, 2014, in Missoula County, the Defendant committed the offense of
12 COUNT I: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT BURGLARY, a Felony, in violation of Montana
13 law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-6-204(1) and 45-4-102, punishable by 20 years MSP
14 and/or \$50,000 fine; COUNT II: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT CRIMINAL TRESPASS
15 TO VEHICLES, a Misdemeanor, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann.
16 45-6-202 and 45-4-102, punishable by 6 months MCDF and/or \$500 fine
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18 The facts constituting the offense are:

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20 COUNT I: On or about the 17th day of April, 2014, the above-named Defendant
21 committed the offense of conspiracy to commit burglary, when, with the purpose that the
22 offense of burglary be committed, the Defendant agreed with John Doe to the
23 commission of the offense of burglary and in furtherance of such conspiracy, the
24 residence at 2607 Deer Canyon Court was entered without permission by the
25 Defendant and/or his co-conspirator and personal property was taken from the
26 residence.
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1 COUNT II: On or about the 17th day of April, 2014, the above-named Defendant
2 committed the offense of conspiracy to commit criminal trespass to vehicles, when, with
3 the purpose that the offense of criminal trespass to vehicles be committed, the
4 Defendant agreed with John Doe to the commission of the offense of criminal trespass
5 to vehicles and in furtherance of such conspiracy, the vehicles belonging to Janelle
6 Pflager and/or Markus Kaarma were entered without permission by the Defendant
7 and/or his co-conspirator and personal property was taken from one or both vehicles.
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10 DATED this 15th day of May, 2014.

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12 SHAWN THOMAS
13 Deputy County Attorney

14 Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of May, 2014.

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17 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

10 STATE OF MONTANA)

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11 County of Missoula)

12 SHAWN THOMAS, Deputy County Attorney, Montana, being first duly sworn upon
13 oath, deposes and says:

14 I have read the official law enforcement reports regarding the investigation of
15 TRISTAN ALFRED STABER for allegedly committing the offense(s) set forth in the
16 complaint and based upon the information contained in the reports, if true, believe
17 probable cause exists to justify charging the above-named defendant as specified in the
18 accompanying complaint.
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20 On or about April 17, 2014, Missoula City Police Officer Brian Vreeland was
21 dispatched to 2607 Deer Canyon Court, in Missoula, for a burglary no longer in
22 progress. Vreeland met with Janelle Pflager and her husband Markus Kaarma. Pflager
23 reported that at approximately 2340 hours she had went out to the garage to smoke a
24 cigarette and noticed the dome light in her vehicle was on. The vehicle was parked in
25 front of the garage. When she inspected her vehicle, she discovered her wallet was
26 missing, which contained credit and debit cards, and cash. Kaarma checked his pick-up
27 truck, which was parked next to Pflager's, and discovered his wallet was missing as
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1 well, which contained his Montana driver's license, credit/debit cards, and some cash.
2 Kaarma also reported he had left his iPhone 5 on a shelf inside their garage, but it was
3 missing too. One of the garage doors on the two car garage had been left up when the
4 burglary occurred. The vehicles were unlocked, but no one had authorization to enter
5 their vehicles. There were no known suspects at the time.
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7 On April 21, 2014, Pflager contacted the police department and informed them
8 that her Wells Fargo debit card which was stolen was used at Ole's (923 North Orange
9 Street in Missoula) on April 18, 2014 at approximately 0031 hours, in the amount of
10 \$90.75. Her card was also used at Wendy's (2720 Reserve Street in Missoula) on April
11 18, 2014 at approximately 0046 hours for the amount of \$24.41.
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13 On May 5, 2014, Detective Lang made contact with a concerned citizen who
14 informed Lang that Tristan Staber was involved in a burglary that occurred at the
15 Kaarma residence prior to April 27, 2014, when Diren Dede was shot. Detectives
16 interviewed Staber and he admitted the following. Staber and a 16 year old male friend
17 of his, John Doe, were in the area up Grant Creek on April 17, 2014 "car hopping".
18 Staber was driving his vehicle, a beige 2001 Chevrolet Silverado, and Doe his
19 passenger. When Doe would get out of the vehicle, Staber would act as his lookout.
20 Staber reported they went to three different houses in the Prospect area that had their
21 garage doors open. Staber did not think they got anything out of the first two garages.
22 They saw one of the overhead garage doors open at 2607 Deer Canyon Court. Staber
23 parked the vehicle just south of the residence and Doe got out. Doe returned with a big
24 glass bong and a jar of marijuana. Doe went back to the garage and then went into the
25 two vehicles parked in the driveway. They went through a wallet that Doe had taken
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1 from one of the vehicles in the driveway and found credit cards and gift cards, but
2 indicated no cash was in the wallet. Staber recalled that the ID found in the wallet
3 belonged to Markus Kaarma. Staber also stated that Doe had stolen an iPhone from
4 inside the garage. Staber reported that they went to Wendy's after they left the area
5 and used a stolen credit card from the Kaarma residence to buy food. They also went
6 to Ole's and used the card to buy gasoline. Surveillance video was retrieved from the
7 Wendy's transaction and screen stills were shown to Staber, who identified the vehicle
8 going through the drive through as his, and Doe was driving at the time. Staber
9 reported that he thinks Doe threw the credit cards away as well as the iPhone.
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12 Doe was interviewed and admitted he had burglarized the residence at 2607
13 Deer Canyon Court on April 17, 2014 around midnight. He was with Staber, who had
14 the idea of going "car-hopping" and remembered entering three different garages that
15 night. Doe admitted he entered the garage at 2607 Deer Canyon Court and the two
16 vehicles parked out front and stole several items, including a men's wallet, marijuana in
17 a Ball jar, a bong, and an iPhone 5. Doe indicated he stole the bong, marijuana and
18 iPhone from inside the garage, and the wallet was from the truck. Doe denied stealing
19 a women's wallet containing cash and credit cards. Doe stated he threw out the cell
20 phone and credit cards and only kept the bong, which he sold.
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24 SHAWN THOMAS
25 Deputy County Attorney

26 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this ____ day of May, 2014.
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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 _____ day of _____, 2014 at _____ a.m./p.m.

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