

STATE OF WISCONSIN

-vs-

Plaintiff,

Liane F Melchert
2413 Shady Oak Drive
Green Bay, WI 54304

Defendant,

DA Case No.: 2013BR001303
Assigned DA/ADA: Mary M. Kerrigan-Mares
Agency Case No.: OPD126491
Court Case No.: 14 CM *995*

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THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO SAID DEFENDANT: CLERK OF COURTS
BROWN COUNTY, WI

A complaint, a copy of which is attached, having been made accusing the defendant of committing the crime(s) of:

THE CRIME(S) OF:
Theft by Fraud

DATE OF VIOLATION:
02/07/2013

CONTRARY TO WIS. STATUTE(S):
943.20(1)(d) and (3)(a)

The original of such complaint has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Brown County.

You, the defendant, are therefore summoned to appear before the Circuit Court – Criminal Division of Brown County, at the Brown County Courthouse, Commissioner’s Courtroom A, located at 100 South Jefferson Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin, on:

INITIAL APPEARANCE: 04/08/2014 at 8:30 AM

And in case of your failure to appear, a warrant for your arrest may be issued.

Dated this day of February, 2014.


Assistant District Attorney

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN FINGERPRINTED, YOU MUST DO SO AT THE REFERRING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, PURSUANT TO WIS. STATS. 165.84 AND 970.02(7). YOU MUST BRING YOUR CRIMINAL COMPLAINT WITH YOU TO THAT AGENCY. YOU MUST PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION AT YOUR INITIAL APPEARANCE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN FINGERPRINTED.

FINGERPRINTING DAYS AND TIME:

**ASHWAUBENON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TUE-WEDS-THURS
12:30 -1:30 P.M. BY APPT**

BROWN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE TUESDAY & THURSDAY 1:00-2:00 PM

**DEPERE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
2:45-3:45 pm NEED APPOINTMENT**

GREEN BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT MON – THURS 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM CALL TO CONFIRM DATE AND TIME

STATE OF WISCONSIN

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Plaintiff,

Liane F Melchert
2413 Shady Oak Drive
Green Bay, WI 54304
DOB: 03/26/1963
Sex/Race: F/I
Eye Color: Brown
Hair Color: Brown
Height: 5 ft 8 in
Weight: 135 lbs
Alias:

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ATN:

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Defendant,

Complainant, an Assistant District Attorney, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that:

Count 1: MISDEMEANOR THEFT BY FRAUD

The above-named defendant in July 2012, in Brown County, Wisconsin, did obtain title to property of Bob Zeger's Auto, by intentionally deceiving the person with a false representation which she knew to be false, made with intent to defraud, and which defrauded the person, contrary to sec. 943.20(1)(d)&(3)(a) Wis. Stats., a Class A Misdemeanor, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than nine (9) months, or both.

Complainant is an Assistant District Attorney with the Brown County District Attorney's Office and knows of the above offense on information and belief based upon:

PROBABLE CAUSE

The complainant, being duly sworn on oath, swears that he/she has had the opportunity to review the attached police reports from Officer Daniel House and Sgt. Ron King of the Oneida Police Department, and other documents supporting this complaint, attached and incorporated herein, which are the types of reports and documents kept in the ordinary course of business, which complainant believes to be truthful and reliable because they have proven to be truthful and reliable on numerous occasions in the past.

The complainant further asserts that based upon his/her review of the attached reports and/or supporting documents, the incidents alleged occurred in Brown County, Wisconsin.

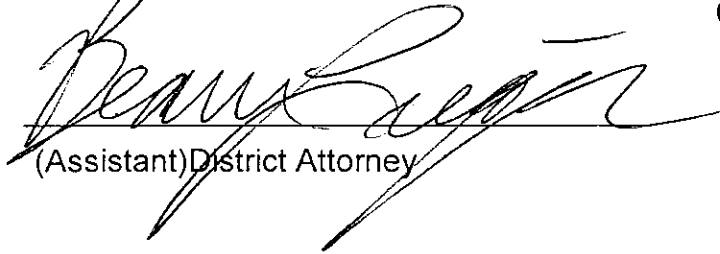
Your complainant has further reviewed the statement of Bob Zegers of Bob Zegers Auto who indicates in that July of 2012 he made out an estimate for repairs on the vehicle owned by Frank Melchert and received an okay to repair the car. He states in a letter purportedly from the Oneida Tribe it indicated he would receive a check for payment in the amount of \$827.50. He indicates that much later the defendant Liane Melchert told him that the tribe would not be paying the bill and he then asked Marsha Skenandore what was wrong. He states he then found out the letter was a "fake" and was not Skenandore's signature. Said reports indicate that Zegers performed the aforementioned repairs in the amount of \$827.50 after relying on the purported letter from Marsha Skenandore of the Oneida Tribe dated July 30, 2012. Said reports indicate that Zegers business is in Green Bay, County of Brown, WI.

Based on the foregoing, the complainant believes this complaint to be true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
and approved for filing on:

This 20 day of February 2014.


Complainant


(Assistant) District Attorney

Oneida Police Department
Follow up Narrative
#12-6491

On Friday, December 07, 2012 I Detective Sergeant Ron King Jr. met with Liane F. Melchert (DOB. 03-26-63) about a fraud investigation involving Liane. I asked Liane if Officer House talked to her and she said he left her a message stating he needed to talk to her. I asked her if she knew why she was at the police department today and she said "yes."

I gave Liane a brief explanation of what the investigation was about and some of the information I already had. I read Liane her Miranda Rights and she understood the rights and didn't want an attorney. Liane wanted to make a statement and to answer questions without an attorney present. I explained to Liane that Bob Zeger who owns Bob Zeger's auto and truck rebuilder in Howard. Liane said she knew him started by saying she created her own letter to get her car out of the shop. Liane said she took the car in for repairs and when Bob came back and said it was over \$800.00 she couldn't afford it. Liane said she kept the car in the shop for a while so she called the Oneida Center for Self Sufficiency to see if they could help her get her car out of the shop. The center told her they couldn't help her because it was an older vehicle (1977 Chevy Nova).

Liane said her husband Frank kept asking her to get the car out because they needed it and she was telling him she couldn't because she didn't have the money. Liane said after the Oneida Center for Self Sufficiency told her they couldn't help, she typed up her own letter and sent it to Bob Zeger so she could get her car out. Liane said the "pressure and shit" got to her so she thought she could just do it and write the letter because after 90 days Bob could keep her

vehicle. Liane said she created a letter and signed Marsha Skenandore's name to it indicating payment to Bob (see attached letter). Liane said she did this to hold things so she could get a loan, but her credit is shot and couldn't get any loans. Liane said "I know what I did was wrong" she shouldn't have did it, but the pressure from Bob calling her and from her husband Frank bothering her on getting the car out. Liane said along with her trying to get a loan, everything was shot down. Liane said Frank has no clue what she did and he doesn't know anything about it. Liane thought she could get a loan and Bob kept pressuring her for the payment. Liane said she shouldn't have done it, but she has a son, she has a lot of bills, and she is the only one bringing in an income.

I asked her about the fax number she gave Bob. Liane said it was her work fax number at the Oneida Casino Observation Department. I asked her if Bob still had her vehicle and she said she got her car out by writing the letter to Bob. Liane said that's how she got the car out. Liane said she wanted to go back to tell Bob what she did because it was bothering her for a long time. I asked her if Bob was okay with her making payments and she said he would have allowed her to pay \$50.00 per week, but she wrote this letter and got the car out. I asked Liane if she ever took other vehicles to Bob before and she said "yes." Liane said she paid off the repairs right away. Liane said she asked Bob to fax the invoice to the fax number she gave him which was her work fax number and not the number to the Oneida Center of Self Sufficiency. Liane said she should have taken a different approach, but with all the pressure she just wrote the letter. I asked Liane where she created the letter she wrote in Marsha's name. Liane said she was at home (2413 Shady Oak Dr. Green Bay) when she created the letter. I advised Liane I would be referring her for the charge of Forgery 943.38 to the Brown County District Attorney's Office.

Liane asked me if she should get an attorney and I told her that was up to her. Liane wasn't sure,

**NARRATIVE BY OFFICER DANIEL F. HOUSE
INCIDENT # 12-6491
FORGERY**

On Tuesday 12-04-12, I Officer Daniel F. House #809 was on patrol in a marked squad in the City of Green Bay, County of Brown. I was dispatched to 2640 West Point Drive, The Oneida Tribe Center for Self-Sufficiency. I spoke to the reporting party Marsha M. Skenandore (DOB of 04-24-74) who is an employee.

Marsha told me that on Monday 12-03-12, Bob Zegers from Bob Zegers Auto and Truck Rebuilders came into her office to seek payment for the repairs he did on a vehicle that belonged to Frank and Liane Melchert. The amount of the repairs was \$827.50 on a 1977 Chevrolet Nova on 07-27-12. Bob showed Marsha a copy of the letter that was sent to his business for payment verification approval on Frank Melcherts Nova.

Marsha told Bob that she never approved payment for Frank's vehicle. Marsha never wrote the letter for approval. The letter head isn't the same letter head of the Oneida Tribe Center for Self-Sufficiency. Marsha said the signature on the letter wasn't hers.

In the letter that Bob received said Oneida Community Support Diversion, that isn't the right letter head it would be Oneida Tribe Center for Self-Sufficiency. Marsha said they wouldn't approve repairs on that old of a vehicle the vehicle was a 1977 vehicle. The phone number in the letter for their office was 429-3327 that's wrong, it should be 490-6800 or 490-2478. In the letter it said Marsha would be out of the office from Tuesday, July 31, and return on Monday, August 6, 2012.

Marsha suspects Liane Melchert of the forgery. Bob told Marsha that Liane Melchert made several contacts to him in regard to the payment, with such things as paperwork misplaced, and the estimate needed to be re-faxed, and said she would pay him \$50.00 per week. Bob told Marsha that since 07-27-12, that Frank Melchert has had his vehicle serviced since, and paid for services. Bob told Marsha when he asked for payment for past services Frank said the money would be coming, that there was a mistake and mishap with new employee and things changing in the program.

Marsha said she did not write the submitted letter, and did not give anyone permission to use her name for any part of the letter, Marsha said the signature in the letter wasn't hers. Marsha said she didn't know anything about the letter.

FOLLOW-UP REPORT:

On Wednesday 12-05-12, I Officer Daniel F. House #809 went to 2413 Shady Oak Drive in the city of Green Bay, County of Brown to make contact with the suspect Liane Melchert. I knocked on the door at 10:40 AM, no one was at home. I left a note on her door to contact me at the Oneida Police Department because I needed to talk to her. Liane called the Oneida Police Department and asked if I could call her.

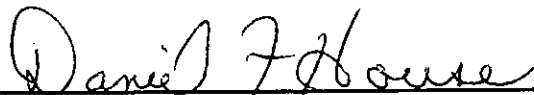
I called Liane and I asked her if she was willing to come to the PD so I could get a statement as to letter that she sent Bob Zegers. Liane said she couldn't come to the PD today, but she could come in at 1:00 PM Thursday, I said that would be ok. Liane called me at the PD on Thursday at about 11:00 A.M. and told me she couldn't come in at 1:00 PM. Liane told me she would come in Friday at 9:00AM. Friday was my day off so Sergeant Ron King said he would interview Liane. I found out that the fax number Liane gave Bob was the fax number to her work at observation at 2020 Airport Drive in the Village of Ashwaubenon.

On Wednesday 12-05-12, I called Bob Zegers. Bob was the one who made the repairs to Frank and Lianes vehicle. I asked Bob if he would write a statement as to the dealings he had with Liane Melchert. Bob said he would and he would call me when his statement was ready. Bob called me on Thursday at 9:10AM and told me his statement was ready. I went to Bob's place of business at 2552 Elmhurst Drive in the Village of Howard and picked up his statement. Bob also gave me some copies of notes of what Liane told his wife over the phone about payment of her vehicle.

Exhibit #1 is the wrong letter head for the Oneida Tribe Center for Self-Sufficiency.
Exhibit #2 is Marsha Skenandores real signature.

Exhibit #3 is the right letter head for Oneida Tribe Center for Self-Sufficiency.
Exhibit #4 is a fax of the bill that Bob Zegers sent to Liane Melcherts work at observation at 2020 Airport Drive.

Exhibit #5 revised bill that Bob sent to Liane at her work 2020 Airport Drive.



Officer Daniel F. House # 809