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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,	D1 : .:00)	
v.	Plaintiff,)	No. 14-1-01699-5 KNT
BRETT MICHAEL GITCHEL,)	INFORMATION
	Defendant.)	
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I, Daniel T. Satterberg, Prosecuting Attorney for King County in the name and by the authority of the State of Washington, do accuse BRETT MICHAEL GITCHEL of the following crime[s]: **Possession Of Stolen Vehicle**, committed as follows:

Count 1 Possession Of Stolen Vehicle

That the defendant BRETT MICHAEL GITCHEL in King County, Washington, on or about December 7, 2013, did knowingly receive, retain, possess, conceal and dispose of a stolen motor vehicle, to-wit: Kia Spectra, knowing that such property had been stolen, and did withhold and appropriate the same to the use of a person other than Wesley Steward, the true owner and person entitled thereto;

Contrary to RCW 9A.56.068 and 9A.56.140, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Washington.

DANIEL T. SATTERBERG Prosecuting Attorney

By:

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1 2 CAUSE NO. 14-1-01699-5 KNT 3 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CASE SUMMARY AND REQUEST FOR BAIL AND/OR 4 CONDITIONS OF RELEASE 5 The State incorporates by reference the Certification for Determination of Probable Cause prepared by Officer Adam Howell of the Federal Way Police Department for case number 6 13-15465. 7 REQUEST FOR BAIL 8 9 Pursuant to CrR 2.2(b), the State requests that a summons be issued for Gitchel's attendance in court. 10 There has been no preliminary appearance by Brett M. Gitchel in this case. 11 Gitchel has non-felony convictions for DWLS 2 (1998), Making False Statement to a Public Servant (1999), DUI (1997), DWLS 3 (1997, 1994), DV Assault 4 (2 counts 1997, 1993), 12 Minor in Possession and Supplying Liquor/Premises to minor (1996), Theft 3 (2 counts 1993), Malicious Mischief 3 (1993). 13 Gitchel has felony convictions for VUCSA (1998), Theft 2 (2 counts 1993), Vehicle 14 Prowl 1 (1992). 15 Initial negotiator: CTI 16 17 Signed and dated by me this day of February, 2014. 18 19 alice Deger 20 Alice A. Degen, WSBA #29091 21 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney - Senior Specialist 22 23 24

Prosecuting Attorney Case Summary and Request for Bail and/or Conditions of Release - 1

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CERTIFICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

That A. Howell is a Detective with the Federal Way Police Department and has reviewed the investigation conducted in Federal Way Police Department Case Number 13-15465; There is probable cause to believe that Brett M. Gitchel, Ave S. Federal Way, WA. 98003 committed the crimes of Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle 9A.56.068 on 12/7/13 @ 0300 Hrs at 34520 16th Ave S., Federal Way, King County, Washington.

This belief is predicated on the following facts and circumstances:

On 12/6/13, Wesley Steward contacted the Renton Police Department to report the overnight theft if his 2003 Kia Spectra (VIN ending in 5299) from his residence, located at 330 Vuemont PL. NE (RPD Case # 13-13137). Steward indicated that he had not given anyone permission to take, use, or possess the vehicle and furnished consent for the vehicle to be searched upon its eventual recovery by law enforcement.

On 12/7/13, Federal Way Police Officer S. Gotcher was on uniformed patrol within the City of Federal Way, King County, Washington. At approximately 0300 Hrs, He was driving through the Walmart parking lot, located at 34520 16th Ave S., when he observed Steward's vehicle in the parking lot with a broken passenger side window covered in plastic sheeting. When he checked the vehicle's registration, he learned that it had been reported stolen the day prior. He also observed a male subject, later identified as Roy Boswell, sitting in the vehicle's passenger seat.

At that time, additional officers arrived on scene and detained Boswell without incident. Post Miranda, Boswell denied having any knowledge that the vehicle was stolen and claimed that he was merely waiting on the vehicle's driver, "Brett", who was inside the store. Boswell went on to say that "Brett", whom he described as a chubby white male, had picked him up somewhere off of 216th Street, approximately four hours earlier. Boswell said that he noticed the car's broken passenger side window, but also saw a key in the vehicle's ignition. He also said that he specifically asked "Brett" if the vehicle was stolen and that "Brett" responded by telling him that it was not and jokingly asked if he would get out of the car if it was stolen.

Officers entered the Walmart store where they located Brett Gitchel, noted that he matched the description provided by Boswell, and detained him without incident. Post Miranda, Gitchell admitted to possessing the vehicle and told officers that he had purchased it form an associate, Paul Marsine, for \$200 the night before. Gitchel went on to say that he was staying at an unidentified residence in Renton when Paul approached him, said he needed some money, and mentioned that he had a car to sell. Gitchel said that he noticed the vehicle's broken window and asked Marsine if it was stolen. Marsine reportedly told him it wasn't, gave him the ignition key, and explained that he had obtained it from an individual who owed him money and gave him the car in lieu of payment. Both Boswell and Gitchell were released after providing written statements.

The vehicle's owner, Wesley Steward, later furnished a telephonic statement indicating that he had apparently left a spare ignition key in the vehicle at the time of its theft. When asked, Steward said that he did not know Gitchel and had not given him, or anyone else, permission to take, use, or possess his vehicle. Based on the aforementioned evidence, probable cause exists to believe that Gitchel possessed Steward's stolen vehicle and knew or reasonably should have known that the vehicle was stolen.

Under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, I certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed and dated by me1/16/2014, at Federal Way, Washington.

A.Howell #0108 1/16/2014 Date

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