IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, MERCER COUNTY, OHIO CRIMINAL DIVISION

STATE OF OHIO,

CASE NO. 25-CRM-011

Plaintiff

VS.

JAMES L. REED 119 Burkhart Avenue Russells Point, OH 43348

DOB: 3/1/1990

SSN: XXX-XX-5864

COMPLAINT

Defendant.

Count One

Theft - F5

§2913.02(A)(3), 2913.02(B)(2)

Date of Offense

On or about February 3, 2025

Complainant being duly sworn states that James L. Reed, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about February 3, 2025, unlawfully

did with purpose to deprive the owner, Victim # 1, of property or services, to wit: \$1792.68 worth of store merchandise, knowingly obtain or exert control over either the property or services by deception.

FURTHERMORE, the property or services stolen is valued at one thousand dollars or more and less than seven thousand five hundred dollars

The offense is contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

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MERCER CÓUNTÝ CELINA, OHIO Patrolman Zac Nelson Celina Police Department

Sworn before me by Patrolman Zac Nelson, Celina Police Department, on this

day of John 4, , 2025.

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AFFIDAVIT ON COMPLAINT (O.R.C. 2935.09)

Defendant.

STATE OF OHIO, MERCER COUNTY, SS:

I, Patrolman Zac Nelson, do hereby state that I am employed at the Celina Police Department. The following did occur:

On February 3, 2025, the Celina Police Department received a call from victim # 1, of a shoplifting offense that was in progress. While responding, we were told that the suspect was a male, wearing an orange hooded sweatshirt and black glasses.

The male had placed items in a large plastic tote and walked out without attempting to pay for them. Victim # 1's loss prevention then reported that the male had went back into the store a second time, left again and entered a maroon sedan. The vehicle then was reported to be exiting the parking lot near the Bob Evans restaurant.

I located a vehicle matching that description and could see occupants inside. The male in the passenger side matched the described suspect. I activated my overhead light bar and initiated a traffic stop on Havemann Road, by the Bob Evans restaurant. Sgt. Bartlett stopped to assist me.

The driver was identified as a Richard Stoneburner. The passenger was identified as James L. Reed, both from Russell's Point, Ohio. Richard denied any knowledge of what had happened. I then spoke to Reed. Reed admitted to stealing from victim # 1. He said that he was broke and didn't have any money. He then told us that the stolen items were in the trunk of the car. The trunk was opened, and we saw two blue plastic totes and three action figurines.

James Reed was taken into custody. The totes contained sports trading cards and other store merchandise. One total had \$1326.67 worth of store merchandise and the second one, \$466.00. The total value of the theft was \$ 1792.68 worth of store merchandise.

> Patrolman Zac Nelson Celina Police Department

Sworn to before me by Patrolman Zac Nelson, Celina Police Department on February 4, 2025.

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