

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

STATE OF OHIO,

CASE NO. 24-CRM-118

Plaintiff

VS.

TRAVIS E. NEER  
23 Millia Rd  
Lima, OH 45806  
DOB: 11/8/1988  
SSN: XXX-XX-2766

COMPLAINT

Defendant.

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*Robert W. Thomas*  
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**Count One**                      **Burglary - F2**  
   §2911.12(A)(2), 2911.12(D)  
**Date of Offense**              On or about October 23, 2024 through October 30, 2024

Complainant being duly sworn states that Travis E. Neer, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about October 23, 2024 through October 30, 2024, unlawfully did, by force, stealth, or deception, trespass in an occupied structure or in a separately secured or separately occupied portion of an occupied structure that is a permanent or temporary habitation of any person when any other person, not the accomplice of the offender was present or likely to be present, with purpose to commit in the habitation any criminal offense, to wit: Theft Offense, ORC Section 2913.02.

*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.*

**Count Two**                      **Theft - F5**  
   §2913.02(A)(3), 2913.02(B)(2)  
**Date of Offense**              On or about October 23, 2024 through October 30, 2024

Complainant being duly sworn states that Travis E. Neer, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about October 23, 2024 through October 30, 2024, unlawfully did with purpose to deprive the owner, Victim # 1, of property or services, to wit: a credit card, knowingly obtain or exert control over either the property or services by deception. FURTHERMORE, the property stolen is property listed under 2913.71 of the Revised Code,

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in that it is a credit card, to wit: a credit card

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**Count Three**                      **Theft - F5**  
§2913.02(A)(3), 2913.02(B)(2)

**Date of Offense**              On or about October 23, 2024 through October 30, 2024

Complainant being duly sworn states that Travis E. Neer, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about October 23, 2024 through October 30, 2024, unlawfully

did with purpose to deprive the owner, Victim # 1, of property or services, to wit: a debit bank card, knowingly obtain or exert control over either the property or services by deception.

FURTHERMORE, the property stolen is property listed under 2913.71 of the Revised Code, in that it is a credit card, to wit: a debit bank card

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**Count Four**                      **Theft - F5**  
§2913.02(A)(3), 2913.02(B)(2)

**Date of Offense**              On or about October 23, 2024 through October 30, 2024

Complainant being duly sworn states that Travis E. Neer, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about October 23, 2024 through October 30, 2024, unlawfully

did with purpose to deprive the owner, Victim # 2, of property or services, to wit: a credit card, knowingly obtain or exert control over either the property or services by deception.

FURTHERMORE, the property stolen is property listed under 2913.71 of the Revised Code, in that it is a credit card, to wit: a credit card

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**Count Five****Theft - F5**

§2913.02(A)(3), 2913.02(B)(2)

**Date of Offense**

On or about October 23, 2024 through October 30, 2024

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did with purpose to deprive the owner, Victim # 2, of property or services, to wit: a credit card, knowingly obtain or exert control over either the property or services by deception.

FURTHERMORE, the property stolen is property listed under 2913.71 of the Revised Code, in that it is a credit card, to wit: a credit card

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**Count Six****Theft - F5**

§2913.02(A)(3), 2913.02(B)(2)

**Date of Offense**

On or about October 23, 2024 through October 30, 2024

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did with purpose to deprive the owner, Victim # 2, of property or services, to wit: a debit bank card, knowingly obtain or exert control over either the property or services by deception.

FURTHERMORE, the property stolen is property listed under 2913.71 of the Revised Code, in that it is a credit card, to wit: a debit bank card

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**Count Seven****Theft - F5**

§2913.02(A)(3), 2913.02(B)(2)

**Date of Offense**

On or about October 23, 2024 through October 30, 2024

Complainant being duly sworn states that Travis E. Neer, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about October 23, 2024 through October 30, 2024, unlawfully

did with purpose to deprive the owner, Victim # 3, of property or services, to wit: a Chime bank card, knowingly obtain or exert control over either the property or services by deception.

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FURTHERMORE, the property stolen is property listed under 2913.71 of the Revised Code, in that it is a credit card, to wit: a Chime bank card

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**Count Eight**                      **Theft - F5**  
   §2913.02(A)(3), 2913.02(B)(2)

**Date of Offense**                      On or about October 23, 2024 through October 30, 2024

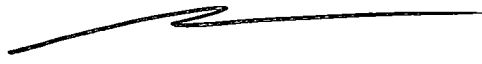
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FURTHERMORE, the property stolen is property listed under 2913.71 of the Revised Code, in that it is a credit card, to wit: a debit bank card

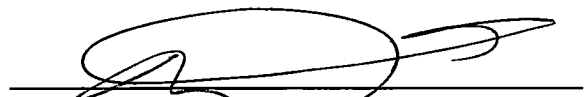
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Ptl. Ryan On  
Saint Henry Police Department

Sworn before me by Ptl. Ryan On, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

  
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JUDGE/Clerk/Notary Public

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

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STATE OF OHIO, MERCER COUNTY, SS:

I, Ryan On, do hereby state that I am employed at the St. Henry Police Department. The following did occur:

The Mercer County Sheriff's Office, Celina Police Department, St. Henry Police Department, Coldwater Police Department, and Rockford Police Department have been investigating a string of vehicle thefts over the last several weeks:

**Celina**

On October 15, 2024, a victim had items stolen from her vehicle. A set of Beats headphones, black in color, and still in the box was stolen. A Roku stick also was stolen from the vehicle. On this same date, another victim had items stolen from her vehicle. She reported that she was missing a black and gold Kate Spade purse and matching wallet. Her wallet contained cash, her driver's license, insurance card, and some rewards cards.

On October 18, 2024, someone attempted to enter a victim's vehicle but did not appear to have stolen anything. The victim had cameras, which showed the same individual trying to get into other vehicles in the victim's neighborhood.

On October 21, 2024, a victim had the center console tray stolen from her vehicle. The tray held an old-fashioned key with diamonds.

On October 21, 2024, a victim was awakened by an alert from his exterior security camera. When the victim checked his camera, the footage showed a male attempting to gain access to the victim's vehicle. The footage also showed the male wearing a unique pair of Nike tennis shoes with swooshes on the toes of the shoes.

On October 25, 2024, a victim had a pack containing 100 .22 long rifle rounds, a pair of black sunglasses, and various auxiliary cables stolen from his vehicle.

**St. Henry**

On October 23, 2024, in the early morning hours, several vehicles were entered and items stolen out of those vehicles, including cash and change, a key fob for a 2020 Jeep Compass, and a wallet belonging to Victim # 2 that contained two credit cards and a bank debit card. While investigating the thefts, law enforcement obtained Ring surveillance

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footage that showed the male suspect and the vehicle he was driving. The suspect vehicle was an older model silver Ford Escape with a loud exhaust. The surveillance footage showed the male suspect was wearing a unique pair of Nike tennis shoes with swoosh symbols on the toes of the shoes.

### Coldwater

On October 28, 2024, shortly after midnight, several vehicles were entered and items stolen from those vehicles, including a key fob for a Ford-F150 and a dirt bike key.

On October 30, 2024, in the early morning hours, Victim # 3 had a Michael Kors clutch purse, keys, and other items stolen from her vehicle. The purse contained a "Chime" bank card, her personal bank debit card, and her driver's license.

### Rockford

On October 30, 2024, in the early morning hours, several vehicles were entered and items stolen from those vehicles. The male suspect was captured on surveillance footage at one of the victim's residences attempting to gain access to an attached, locked garage. The suspect gained entry the attached garages of two additional victims, including Victim #1. Victim #1 reported that someone entered the attached garage to her home, located at 305 North Holly Dr. Stolen from Victim # 1's vehicle, which was inside the garage, was a ladies wallet that contained multiple credit cards and her bank debit card. Her wallet and the cards were later located, scattered around the Village of Rockford.

Through investigative efforts, law enforcement identified a suspect, Travis Neer. Neer had previously been convicted of theft from vehicles, and the modus operandi of those crimes was similar to the crimes occurring throughout Mercer County. Law enforcement also discovered that Neer had a 2012 silver Ford Escape registered to him, which matched the suspect vehicle captured by surveillance footage in St. Henry. Additionally, Wapakoneta Police Department reported to local law enforcement that they recently had thirteen vehicle break-ins, and the suspect vehicle was a silver Ford Escape with plates matching the plates on the Ford Escape registered to Neer.

Neer's Ford Escape was entered into the FLOCK camera database, and it was revealed that Neer's vehicle was Southbound on State Route 118, south of Coldwater, on October 23, 2024, at approximately 3:21 AM. The male suspect was captured on surveillance footage stealing from vehicles in St. Henry on October 23, 2024 at approximately 3:30 AM.

On October 30, 2024, law enforcement applied for and obtained a search warrant to place a GPS tracking device on Neer's Ford Escape.

On November 3, 2024, around 11:15 PM, officers received an alert from the GPS tracking device on Neer's vehicle that the suspect vehicle had left the City of Celina. Officers surveilled the vehicle in Willshire, Ohio. The suspect vehicle then traveled south on State Route 49, at which point the suspect vehicle stopped at the residence located at 504 Hoying Street, Celina, Ohio. The vehicle proceeded to a gas station on Main Street in Celina. Then officers surveilled the vehicle to New Bremen, Ohio. Officers continued surveilling the vehicle to Montezuma, Ohio. The vehicle then returned to the City of Celina.

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After entering the city limits, officers from the grand Lake Task Force observed the suspect vehicle fail to signal a left-hand turn. Task Force Officers relayed that information to the Celina Police Department. Officer Kyle Balthis with the Celina Police Department initiated a traffic stop of the suspect vehicle near the intersection of North Brandon Street and West Wayne Street in the City of Celina.

Officer Balthis approached the vehicle and identified the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle as Travis Neer. A trained narcotics canine arrived on scene and alerted and indicated to the odor of narcotics coming from the vehicle. While searching the vehicle, officers located a black and pink ski mask, a dark gray sweatshirt, several pairs of black gloves, and a receipt for a pawn shop. The mask and sweatshirt appeared to be the mask and sweatshirt observed on surveillance footage at several vehicle break-ins.

Neer was arrested and taken into custody. At the time of his arrest, Neer was wearing a pair of Nike shoes with swooshes on the toe area of the shoes. Neer's shoes matched the shows that appeared in surveillance footage from vehicle break-ins around the County.



Ptl. Ryan On  
St. Henry Police Department

Sworn to before me by Ptl. Ryan On, St. Henry Police Department, on November 5, 2024.



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