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STATE OF WISCONSIN	CIRCUIT COURT	SAUK COUNTY
STATE OF WISCONSIN	DA Case No.: 2021SA002606 Assigned DA/ADA: Natalia J Gess Agency Case No.: SC20-12574 Court Case No.: ATN:	CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
Plaintiff,		
vs.		
STEPHEN J. ROBESON S4953 US Highway 12 Baraboo, WI 53913 DOB: 02/24/1963 Sex/Race: M/W Eye Color: Blue Hair Color: Brown Height: 6 ft 0 in Weight: 280 lbs Alias:		
Defendant.		

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Complainant, having been sworn, states:

Count 1: THEFT - FALSE REPRESENTATION (> \$2500 - \$5000)

The above-named defendant on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, Sauk County, Wisconsin, did obtain title to property of another, having a value of greater than \$2500 but not more than \$5000, by intentionally deceiving the person with a false representation which he knew to be false, made with intent to defraud and which defrauded the person, contrary to sec. 943.20(1)(d)&(3)(bf), 939.50(3)(i) Wis. Stats., a Class I Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than three (3) years and six (6) months, or both.

PROBABLE CAUSE: I am a law enforcement officer and sign this Criminal Complaint on information and belief.

Deputy Kyle Mueller of the Sauk County Sheriff's Department reports the following: On October 28, 2020, at approximately 8:49 p.m., Sauk County Dispatch sent me to a possible fraud complaint in Sauk County, Wisconsin. I responded and met with both reporting parties, TBK and CDS. TBK and CDS explained that they believed they had donated a vehicle to somebody who had posed as a non-profit organization, and they now believed the non-profit organization possibly did not exist.

TBK explained that a subject by the name of Stephen J. Robeson from "Race to Unite Races" messaged him. TBK said that after Robeson messaged him, they eventually set up a meeting for him to potentially donate to Robeson's non-profit. TBK said Robeson eventually came to their residence with some other unknown people. Robeson then talked with him about donating to his non-profit. TBK said they provided a pamphlet to him specific to "Race to Unite Races," which explained the concept of their organization. TBK and CDS explained that Robeson was a "fast talker" and often had conversations that were "all over the place." Robeson informed them that they were donating to a non-profit that helps combat child sex trafficking in Sauk County. TBK stated he eventually asked Robeson what he needed in regards to a donation. Robeson said he needed a vehicle. They eventually agreed that they would purchase a vehicle and donate it to the non-profit which they believed Robeson set up. CDS said she was often asking questions to Robeson about their organization, but when asking tough questions, Robeson would often become upset and change the subject.

CDS said that looking back on the experience, they felt they were fraudulently pressured into donating. CDS said that Robeson talked about many things that their organization did; however, it was never completely clear exactly what the organization did. CDS also said she confronted Robeson about using a false name. CDS said Robeson had the Facebook name of Steve "Roby," which was the name Robeson had used as an alias to contact TBK. CDS said she eventually became wise to Robeson's real name after performing a Google search of his name. They were eventually able to speak with a friend of a friend, who informed them of Robeson's last name. They were eventually able to confirm that Robeson's name was Steve Robeson. They did also show me a Facebook profile of Robeson that now showed the name of Steve Tzedek. CDS said that the profile picture was of Robeson himself, and the profile information noted that the subject lives in Virginia. CDS said Robeson has created and moved or deleted multiple Facebook accounts under different names.

CDS stated she also located the Facebook page supposedly for the non-profit "Race to Unite Races." This page does not show any activity since 2018, and the link is not valid to a website. CDS said that they did not realize the business was not a non-profit until after they had already donated and signed over the title of the vehicle. CDS said they started digging and attempting to locate the business information on non-profit lists and were not able to do so. CDS said Robeson continually provided a FEIN (Federal Employer Identification Number). This FEIN number was continually on the paperwork provided to them. This number was on a pamphlet provided to them that also showed the organization to be a non-profit organization. TBK and CDS completed a receipt that was signed by both of them and Robeson's wife, Kimberly M. Robeson. Robeson also sent a text message to CDS that was a supposed letter labeled from the IRS in 2016, which was texted to her from Robeson to show proof of their business. This also had the FEIN number on it. The photograph was blurry and difficult to read. CDS and TBK said that since the donation, they have become wise to the fact that they are not able to locate any sort of non-profit connected with the name and FEIN number of "Race to Unite Races." They had also provided as much information as they could to their financial advisor, who was also unable to locate the business as a non-profit.

TBK and CDS said that now they were starting to believe that Robeson defrauded them, as Robeson was unable to provide proof that the business was a non-profit. TBK and CDS said that anytime they confronted Robeson with their information, he becomes verbally aggressive towards them. CDS and TBK also said that they started to realize the potential that Robeson's non-profit was not real, as he talked about things such as performing raids with law enforcement and being a part of the "three percenters."

TBK and CDS expressed multiple concerns regarding their donation and the vehicle. TBK was concerned that the vehicle was potentially registered in his name. TBK said that at one point, they knew that Robeson was driving the vehicle with their temporary tag on the vehicle, as they left it on by accident when they donated the vehicle. TBK said that one of his concerns was that he not be liable for the vehicle at this time. TBK said he had even put insurance back on the vehicle, even though he had technically signed it over. TBK said Robeson was often confrontational when it came to talking about appropriately registering the vehicle in his own name. TBK said the vehicle was donated specifically to the non-profit to be used by the non-profit. TBK said that if the non-profit does not exist, he wants the vehicle back.

CDS and TBK said that Robeson made it very clear that they were donating to a non-profit. Robeson also even flashed a bank statement in front of them that he said was for the non-profit. They believed the bank account was through a bank in Portage or Oxford.

TBK signed a Non-Consent Form.

The vehicle was a white 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe, valued at approximately \$3,500. The vehicle was purchased on Wisconsin Surplus, and it was signed over to "Race to Unite Races" on September 3, 2020.

Det. Clay Lins of the Sauk County Sheriff's Department reports the following: On November 4, 2021, I spoke with TB of the IRS Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division. TB informed me Race to Unite the Races had never been registered as tax exempt or a 501c (nonprofit) organization by the IRS. I asked TB what the meaning of the IRS letter the Robeson's provided was. TB explained the letter informed Race to Unite Races and Kimberly Robeson that they had been issued an EIN (Employer Identification Number) by the IRS. TB explained an EIN is like a social security number for a business. TB informed me a person would call or go online with the IRS and request an EIN for their business. All a person would need to provide is a business name, address, phone number and social security number of the person who is claiming control of the business entity, in this case Kimberly Robeson. TB stated anyone who applied for an EIN and had the necessary information for the application would be issued a EIN from the IRS. TB told me every business or employer has an EIN number but in no way did that mean it was tax exempt or nonprofit.

I believe the statements of TBK, CDS, and TB to be truthful and reliable as they are statements by ordinary citizens. I know that Deputy Kyle Mueller and Det. Clay Lins provided the above information in the ordinary course of their duties as law enforcement officers and, therefore, believe the above information to be accurate and reliable.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 12/20/21 Electronically Signed By:

Electronically Signed By: Deputy K. Wasilewski #9731

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