

THE STATE OF TEXAS
VS.

RODA OSMAN

PFLUGERVILLE TX 78660

SPN: 0322 5726
DOB: B F 07/19/1990
DATE PREPARED: 01/10/2024

D.A. LOG NUMBER: 3010708
CJIS TRACKING NO.:
AGENCY:HPD
O/R NO: 126173723
ARREST DATE: TO BE

NCIC CODE: 2301 53

RELATED CASES:

FELONY CHARGE: Theft

CAUSE NO:
HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT NO:
FIRST SETTING DATE:

COURT ORDERED BAIL: TO BE SET AT
MAGISTRATION
PRIOR CAUSE NO:
CHARGE SEQ NUM: 1

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Before me, the undersigned Assistant District Attorney of Harris County, Texas, this day appeared the undersigned affiant, who under oath says that he has good reason to believe and does believe that in Harris County, Texas, **RODA OSMAN**, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about **September 3, 2023 continuing through November 20, 2023**, did then and there unlawfully, appropriate by acquiring and exercising control over property, namely, cash money, owned by Go Fund Me website, hereinafter called the Complainant, of the value of at least thirty thousand dollars and less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars, with the intent to deprive the Complainant of the property.

Probable Cause

I, Detective L. Thornton, am a Certified Peace Officer with the Houston Police Department and assigned to the Major Assaults and Family Violence Division. I do solemnly swear that I have reason to believe and do believe that **RODA OSMAN** (African American female – DOB: July 19th, 1990 – TX DL#44150216), did, then and there, intentionally and knowingly commit the Felony Offense of Theft by Deception in an amount greater than \$30,000 but less than \$150,000 on or about the 3rd of September, 2023 continuing through the 20th of November 2023, in Houston, Harris County, Texas.

Affiant bases this belief on the following:

On September 3rd, 2023, Officers were dispatched to 5615 Schumacher Ln. Harris County, Texas in regard to an Aggravated Assault incident. When Officers arrived they met with **RODA OSMAN**, hereafter referred to as the Defendant, and her friend who was later identified as Jataun Griffin. Officers reported the Defendant was intoxicated, hostile, and irate. In the original report, Defendant Osman stated she was walking on Schumacher when an unknown male threw a brick at her when she would not give him her phone number. Defendant Osman also stated she ordered an Uber and thought the male suspect was the Uber driver and got in the car with him then he tried to kidnap her. Defendant Osman stated the suspect was involved in human trafficking and had a large group of females in the car with him.

I, Detective Thornton was assigned this case on September 15, 2023. I attempted to contact Defendant Osman with the phone number she provided in the report. I discovered it was the phone number of Jataun Griffin DOB 11/01/1976, and was able to get a statement from her. Ms. Griffin proceeded to tell me that she was not from Houston and came to visit for the weekend. Ms. Griffin stated they went to several clubs at Defendant Osman's. Ms. Griffin stated the Defendant was heavily intoxicated. Ms. Griffin stated they had a lot to drink. When asked what the addresses to the places were, she stated she didn't know. Ms. Griffin stated the last spot they went to they did not like so they left and Defendant Osman called some of her male friends to come pick them up.

Ms. Griffin stated when the male friends arrived, they got into their vehicle. Ms. Griffin stated it was a dark colored sedan. Ms. Griffin stated she got in the front right passenger, and Defendant Osman was back left passenger. Ms. Griffin stated that out of nowhere she heard Defendant Osman yell "ouch why you hit me!" I asked Ms. Griffin if there was an argument before she heard that. Ms. Griffin stated no. I asked Ms. Griffin if there was any music playing, and she stated no.

Ms. Griffin stated off the recording she did not believe Defendant Osman was hit with a brick. Ms. Griffin stated the suspect then got out the vehicle and got into another vehicle and drove off. Ms. Griffin stated Defendant Osman went live on Instagram, and she had to convince Defendant Osman to call the police. Ms. Griffin stated she did not know the two males she got into the car with, and would not be able to positively identify the suspects involved. Ms. Griffin provided the phone number to Defendant Osman and concluded the interview.

I then attempted to contact Defendant Osman, but unsuccessful. On September 19th, 2023 I reached out to Defendant Osman. She answered and stated she was out with her family and would call me back in 5 minutes. Defendant Osman called me back 2.5 hours later and provided a statement. Defendant Osman stated her friend called her last week to tell her that I had been trying to get in contact with her. Defendant Osman stated her friend came to town, and picked all the clubs they went to that night. Defendant Osman stated they started at the O2 Lounge then went to the Liquid Lounge. Defendant Osman stated as they were leaving the club she called an Uber. Defendant Osman stated when a vehicle pulled up she thought it was the Uber that she called and got into the vehicle. Defendant Osman stated the male then hit her in the face with the brick. Defendant Osman stated she did her own investigation and was told that Olan Douglas was the one that assaulted her.

When I questioned where her friend was at the time Defendant Osman became upset and stated she was far away from her talking to another guy. Defendant Osman then changed her story to say she was assaulted at the Liquid Lounge Club. After furthering gathering information, Defendant Osman became even more upset and requested to speak with my supervisor. She hung up the phone, but I provided Sgt. Fierro with her contact information.

On September 20th, 2023 I, Detective Thornton canvased the area in which the primary Officers responded to on September 3rd. I saw there were cameras owned by Zaladium Analytics that was located on the 5600 block of Schumacher. I reached out to the company and spoke with Ms. Reyes who provided me with the camera footage. I reviewed Officer Espinozas' body camera prior to watching the video footage. I reviewed the camera footage and was able to positively identify Defendant Rosa Osman as well as Jataun Griffin. I was also able to see an African American male that resembled Olan Douglas. Defendant Osman provided Olan Douglas identifiers, in which I was able to see a photo of Mr. Douglas (TX DL#29040997).

The footage showed that on September 3rd, 2023 at approximately 0530 hours, Defendant Osman, Ms. Griffin, and Mr. Douglas were talking amongst each other and walking towards TikTalk Garden (Lounge) located at 5616 Schumacher Ln. Harris County, Texas. They all enter the club together. Approximately 20 minutes later, they all walk outside the club, then walk towards a white Maserati bearing license plate LPX5278 that was parked directly on the side of the business. Mr. Douglas leaned on the front right passenger door while Defendant Osman walks towards him. Defendant Osman appears to start dancing on Mr. Douglas. I observe Ms. Griffin in front of the vehicle talking to an identified male.

They all get inside the vehicle. The unidentified male got in the driver seat, Ms. Griffin got in front right passenger, Defendant Osman entered the back right passenger side along with Mr. Douglas. A few minutes later, Mr. Douglas got out the back right side, Ms. Griffin opened the front right passenger door to get out, and then Defendant Osman got out vehicle. It appeared Defendant Osman and Mr. Douglas were in the middle of a verbal argument when Defendant Osman swung her right hand while holding an unknown object and hit Mr. Douglas in the face. Mr. Douglas then swung his right hand while holding what appeared to be a plastic water bottle and struck Defendant in the face.

Defendant Osman then sat in the front passenger seat of vehicle, while Mr. Douglas stepped away from her. Mr. Douglas got into the back seat of an Audi A3 bearing license plate NBG3962. Defendant Osman got out the front right passenger seat of the Maserati and the unidentified male drove off. Officers arrived on scene at 0615 hours to gather information. The video footage capturing the incident did not support Defendant Osman's recorded statement.

As previously mentioned, Defendant Osman went live on Instagram afterwards and the incident went viral on social media. A GoFundMe account located at gofundme.com/f/help-roda-recover was created on September 4, 2023 listing Defendant Osman as the beneficiary of the account. The account organizer is listed as Kiara Davis who stated Defendant Osman asked her to create the account. Defendant Osman was able to raise (as of October 25th, 2023) \$42,302.00 stating that she was attacked by a Black male as she was walking down the street because she declined to give him her phone number. The GoFundMe account is currently frozen after several donators reported the posting as fraud.

The "Viral Video" link redirects to <https://www.instagram.com/p/CwwJHh8Rxfx/?igshid=Mz>. The Instagram page has a video of a person who appears to be the Defendant. The page alleges that "Woman gets hospitalized after allegedly being hit in the face with a brick by a man she refused to give her number. The alleged incident occurred in Houston, Texas. She says she was surrounded by men who did absolutely nothing. She says the man got in a car and left the scene after assaulting her and is afraid he will never get caught." Observation of the webpage by the affiant showed the page had over 1,000,000 likes. A link for "Roda's external injuries" redirects to <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT82LSeMc/> and currently shows the video as unavailable.

While conducting this investigation, affiant received a call from Daphne Sutton who is mental health advocate and blogger on TikTok. Ms. Sutton stated she believed that Defendant Roda Osman was conducting a scam because of a similar situation that occurred in Minneapolis in

2020. Ms. Sutton provided me with another gofundme account created by or for Defendant Osman in 2020 with the same narrative of a "black man hitting her." Ms. Sutton advised she was making tiktoks about the incident and some of Defendant Osman's friends reached out to her to provide a statement. Ms. Sutton gave me the phone number of Rachel, and stated she is the ex roommate of Defendant Osman. Ms. Sutton stated Rachel wanted to speak with me. Ms. Sutton stated Rachel lived in Minneapolis where the first gofundme was created.

Affiant contacted the Minneapolis Police Department in regards to the gofundme titled "Help Black Muslim Mother Pay Her Medical Bill". The description of this account stated "A young Black Muslim single mother was viciously assaulted by private security in Minneapolis, sustaining multiple facial contusions, a black eye, and injuries to her leg. She needs an estimated \$5,000 to pay for medical bills, legal fees, a new phone and more."

The Minneapolis Detective affiant spoke with advised there was no report of Defendant Osman being assaulted in 2020. The detective stated the last contact they had with Defendant Osman was in 2012 for public lewdness, and disorderly conduct.

Affiant then contacted Ms. Rachel to see if she had any more information in regards to this incident. Ms. Rachel stated she use to live with Defendant Osman when she stayed in Minneapolis. Ms. Rachel stated at first they were cool, but that she discovered Roda was scamming people and she wanted no part of it. Ms. Rachel mentioned the scam Roda took part in by creating the GoFundMe in 2020 claiming that someone hit her but it was a lie.

Affiant states that the information contained in this application is for the limited purpose of obtaining judicial authorization for an arrest warrant. As a result, it is only a summary and may not contain all of the information known to law enforcement regarding this investigation.

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.

Signed and sworn by me on 1/10/24

Duly attested by me on 1-10-24

J. Thornton
AFFIANT

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COMPLAINT

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