

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF: WAYNE**



**POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
vs.**

Magisterial District Number: **22-3-04**

MDJ Hon: **EDWARDS, RONALD J**

Address: **1065 CREAMTON DRIVE, ROUTE 247
HONESDALE, PA 18431**

Telephone: **(570) 448-2061**

DEFENDANT: (NAME and ADDRESS)

CRISTOPHER **E** **MAURICIO** **III**
First Name Middle Name Last Name Gen
107 NORTH 9TH STREET, APARTMENT 2
READING, PA 19601
(484) 869-0633

NCIC Extradition Code Type

NCIC Extradition Code Type **3 - FELONY SURROUNDING STATES** Distance

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Docket Number **CR-66-2022** Date Filed **09/26/2022** OTN/Live Scan Number **R3601010** Complaint Number **R3A696K037** Incident Number **PA 2022-649555** Request Lab Services? **NO**
Gender **M** Date of Birth **12/29/2002** POB **- DOM** Add'l DOB Co-Defendant? **NO**
Defendant Also Known As Defendant's First Name Middle Name Last Name Suffix
Race **BLACK - B** Ethnicity **NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN - N**
Hair Color **BLACK - BLK** Eye Color **BROWN - BRO**
DNA **NO** DNA Location Weight **190 LBS**
FBI Number **8V68P65K0** MNU Number Height **5' 11"**
Defendant Fingerprinted **NO** Fingerprint Classification

DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION

Plate #	State	HazMat	Registration Sticker (MM/YY)	Commercial Vehicle?	School Veh.	Oth. NCIC Veh. Code	Reg. same as Def.
VIN	Year	Make	Model	Style	Color		NO

Office of the Attorney of the Commonwealth ☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved because:

(The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. Pa.R.Crim.P.507.)

(Name of Attorney for Commonwealth - Please Print or Type)

(Signature of Attorney for Commonwealth)

(Date)

I. **TPR. KELLY TODD**

638839/10688

(Name of Affiant - Please Print or Type)

(PSP/MPOETC - Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #)

of **PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE, TROOP R. HONESDALE**

PAPSP4000

(Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision)

(Police Agency ORI Number)

do hereby state: (check appropriate box)

1. ☒ I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above
☐ I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as
☐ I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname is unknown to me and whom I have therefore designated as John Doe or Jane Doe.

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at:

201

(Subdivision Code)

**HIGHLAND ACRES DR MEASURING 243 FEET SOUTH OF
WHITE BIRCH LN. BERLIN TWP**

(Place-Political Subdivision)

in **WAYNE**

County

63

(County Code)

on or about

5/24/2022 AT APPROX. 09:40 HRS

(Offense Date)



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The acts committed by the accused are described below with each Act of Assembly or statute allegedly violated, if appropriate. When there is more than one offense, each offense should be numbered chronologically.

(Set forth a brief summary of the facts sufficient to advise the defendant of the nature of the offense(s) charged. A citation to the statute(s) allegedly violated, without more, is not sufficient. In a summary case, you must cite the specific section(s) and subsection(s) of the statute(s) or ordinance(s) allegedly violated.

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older 0				
Lead? YES	Offense # 1	Section 3922	Subsection A1	PA Statute (Title) 18	Count 1	Grade F3	NCIC Offense Code 2604	UCR/NIBRS CC39
PennDOT DATA (if applicable)		Accident Number		Interstate Indicator NO		Safety Zone NO		Work Zone NO

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

THEFT BY DECEP-FALSE IMPRESSION

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT intentionally obtained or withheld property, namely, \$9,000 US currency, belonging to Elizabeth STENGEL, by creating or reinforcing a false impression, namely by being involved in contacting the victim and leading her to believe that her son was in a car accident and needed bail money. THE DEFENDANT arrived at the victims residence and collected \$9,000.00, in violation of Section 3922(a)(1) of the PA Crimes Code.

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older 0				
Lead? NO	Offense # 2	Section 7512	Subsection A	PA Statute (Title) 18	Count 1	Grade F3	NCIC Offense Code 2609	UCR/NIBRS CC75
PennDOT DATA (if applicable)		Accident Number		Interstate Indicator NO		Safety Zone NO		Work Zone NO

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

CRIMINAL USE OF COMMUNICATION FACILITY

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT did use a communication facility to commit, cause or facilitate the commission or attempted thereof any crime which constitutes a felony under this title or under the act of April 14, 1972, known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. Every instance where the communication facility is utilized constitutes a separate offense under this section.



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Lead? NO	Offense # 3	Section 3925	Subsection A	PA Statute (Title) 18	Count 1	Grade F3	NCIC Offense Code 2403	UCR/NIBRS CC39
PennDOT DATA (if applicable)		Accident Number		Interstate Indicator NO		Safety Zone NO		Work Zone NO

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT did intentionally receive, retain or dispose of movable property, namely \$9,000 US currency belonging to Elizabeth STENGEL, with no intent to restore it to the owner, knowing that such property was stolen, or believing that it had probably been stolen, in violation of Section 3925(a) of the PA Crimes Code.



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2. I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the defendant be required to answer the charges I have made.
3. I verify that the facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of Section 4904 of the Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.§4904) relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.
4. This complaint consists of the preceding page(s) numbered 1 through **4**
5. I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

The acts committed by the accused, as listed and hereafter, were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and were contrary to the Act(s) of the Assembly, or in violation of the statute cited.

(Before a warrant of arrest can be issued, an affidavit of probable cause must be completed, sworn to before the issuing authority, and attached.)

11/15/22
(Date)

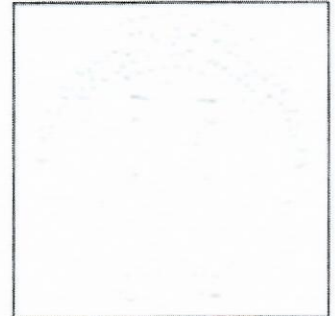
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(Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, on this date, 11-29-2022 I certify that the complaint has been properly completed and verified.
An affidavit of probable cause must be completed before a warrant can be issued.

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(Magisterial District Court Number)

[Signature]
(Issuing Authority)





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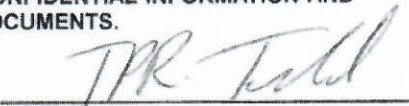
AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE

Your affiant is Trooper Kelly TODD of the Pennsylvania State Police. I have been employed with the Pennsylvania State Police since January of 2007 and have been stationed at Honesdale in the Criminal Investigation Unit for four years.

On 5/24/22 Elizabeth STENGEL was interviewed at PSP Honesdale. She related that on this date at approximately 0940 hours she received a phone call from Weill Cornell Medical Center (646-962-4000) from an individual claiming to be her son Casey STENGEL. The individual claimed that he was just in a car accident and had to have stitches in his face, that's why he didn't sound like himself. He related that he hit a woman in a car who was pregnant, and he needed \$9,000 cash for bail. The victim related that he sounded frantic, and the call was short. STENGEL was told to call phone number 610-400-8106 and speak with an attorney, but the individual posing as the attorney called her first. She related that this individual had an Asian accent. He said he was a public defender, and his name was James LEE. She was told that her son was upset about the accident and to keep it quiet. LEE kept putting her on hold, relating that he was getting updates from the judge. She was told a service would be sent to her residence to pick the money up. She related that LEE already had her address and knew her sons name as well. She was instructed to put the money in a manila envelope with her son's name on it as well as the name of Judge Arnold Joseph Gazello and Son's. As soon as she had the money, she was instructed to call back. She related that she went to the Dime Bank in Honesdale, PA and withdrew \$9,000 and called LEE back at 1020 hours. LEE kept her on the phone while a black male arrived at her home. LEE was relating that her son would only get 30 days of community service and the pregnant women in the other vehicle was in stable condition. She related that the black male that showed up at her residence was an average build and he was wearing a black face mask. He was clean cut, wearing a jacket and jeans and looked to be in his twenties or thirties. He was driving a small, dark gray SUV. The black male did not say a word and provided her a handwritten receipt. As soon as he left her residence, LEE related that he had an update. LEE related that the pregnant women had lost her baby, and the judge doubled the bail to \$18,000. The actor was requesting another \$9,000. She related that she was on her way to the Dime

I, TPR. KELLY TODD BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO THE LAW, DEPOSE AND SAY THAT THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS FILING COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CASE RECORDS PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF PENNSYLVANIA THAT REQUIRE FILING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS DIFFERENTLY THAN NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS.


(Signature of Affiant)

Sworn to me and subscribed before me this

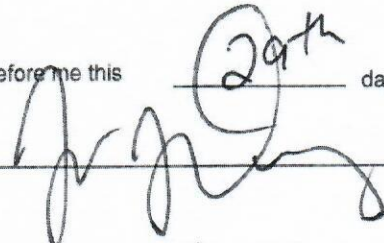
29th

day of

November

2022

Date



Magisterial District Judge

My commission expires first Monday of January,

2028





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Bank branch in Hawley this time and called her niece. She told her niece what was going on and asked her niece to try and text her son Casey. She related that after speaking with her niece she sent Casey a text message, relating that she was doing everything she could. He responded immediately relating that he didn't know what she was talking about, he had been in a meeting. STENGEL related that the scenario was so believable because her son works in NYC and drives to different locations when he receives building contracts. She was told this crash happened while her son was driving to Paramus, NJ.

On 09/19/22 I was contacted by Detective William SHAFER from the Southern Regional Police Department in York County. SHAFER investigated similar incidents that occurred in the York County area with a consistent story, physical description of the actor and vehicle used. SHAFER investigated an incident in which the suspects vehicle, a gray Honda CRV was captured on surveillance after leaving a residence from which he collected money. The CRV was bearing GA temporary registration S1135965. This vehicle was later stopped by PSP and the driver identified himself as Cristopher Enmanuel MAURICIO. The Honda was registered to his mother.

MAURICIO was then under police surveillance and was observed going into his residence carrying a manilla envelope that is believed to be from a State College incident. A search warrant was obtained for MAURICIO'S home, vehicle and cell phone. Within the victim's cell phone were several videos of him counting money after leaving the homes of the victims. A still photo was sent to me by Detective SHAFER from a video in MAURICIO'S cell phone which shows three bundles of money with currency bands stamped with the date of 5/23/22 and The Dime Bank Honesdale, PA. Recovered from MAURICIO'S vehicle was a receipt book with numbers starting at 933037 which appears to be the receipt book from which the victim's receipts were being issued. Also recovered was a manilla envelope with "Judge Joseph GAZZELLO" written on the envelope.

On 7/28/22 MAURICIO was interviewed at the Reading Police Department by Detective SHAFER. MAURICIO was shown a picture of the suspect in a similar incident and related that was him. He related that in January of 2022 he was in NYC and had no money or food. He was approached by a black male, identified as "the caller" that asked him if he wanted a job. He asked what kind of job and was told that all he had to do was pick up money from individuals that owed him money. MAURICIO agreed and gave the man his cell phone number. Eventually the man called MAURICIO and he was told to download "WhatsApp". Once he received the location of the pickup in WhatsApp, he would click on it and Google Maps would open and provide him directions to pick up the money. He was told to go to the locations, stay in the car and wait for the person to come out with the money. MAURICIO related that an old person would come out and the caller would call his cell phone and he would put the caller on speaker so he could speak to the elderly person. He was then given a yellow envelope with money. He was shown the manilla envelope recovered from his car that said, "Judge Joseph GAZZELLO". MAURICIO related that he always received the money in an envelope like that. He was then given a location to drive the money to, sometimes in NY, sometimes NJ, always different. He was given a description of a male to give the money to. This man would pay him \$200.00, either from the envelope or his pocket. He was unable to describe the male, saying it was always a different person and one had a ski mask on. He related that he had WhatsApp set up to delete all data every 24 hours. In 2/22 he was instructed by the caller over WhatsApp to go to Staples and purchase a receipt book. He was instructed to always wear a face mask with his hood up. MAURICIO identified the receipt book in his car as the one he purchased at Staples. He was the one that wrote the receipts and issued them to the victims. MAURICIO was shown receipts issued to some of the victims and indicated that he had written them. He related that most of the receipts he signed from either "James Lee" or "Lewis Clarke". MAURICIO related that he did several of these pickups and would go as far as two hours from Reading, PA area where he lived. He does not know the identity of the caller.

(Signature of Affiant)