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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR PIERCE COUNTY

STATE OF WASHINGTON, Plaintiff, vs. BILLY RAY HEARN, JR, Defendant.	CAUSE NO. 07-1-03575-5 DECLARATION FOR DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE

LISA WAGNER, declares under penalty of perjury:

That I am a deputy prosecuting attorney for Pierce County and I am familiar with the police report and/or investigation conducted by the BONNEY LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT, incident number 07001737;

That the police report and/or investigation provided me the following information;

That in Pierce County, Washington, on or about the 6th day of July, 2007, the defendant, BILLY RAY HEARN, JR, did commit four counts of forgery.

On 7/6/07 Bonney Lake Police Department officers were dispatched to the Dollarwise store on SR 410 regarding a report of a forgery in progress. They were advised that the suspect, defendant Hearn, was attempting to cash a counterfeit money order. The officers arrived and contacted the defendant and told him that there was an apparent problem with the check that he was trying to cash and asked him what was going on. The defendant pulled three MoneyGram money orders out of his pocket, all three of them written to him in the amount of $850.00 each. The defendant stated that he was trying to cash a fourth money order for the same amount of money. He stated that someone had shipped the four checks to him that day with instructions to cash the checks. He stated that after receiving the money he was supposed to keep a percentage of the money and send the remainder to someone else.

One of the officers contacted an employee at the business who provided the fourth money order the defendant was trying to cash. The employee stated she looked at it and immediately knew it was counterfeit because it was missing at least two security features. She tried to verify the money order with MoneyGram, but was unable to do so, meaning the money order was a counterfeit. The officer then advised the defendant of his rights and asked him to tell him about the checks again. The defendant stated he was contacted via the internet by a Steve Parker who lives in LA. He stated that Parker shipped him $3400 worth of money orders and instructed him to cash the check and keep 10% and then ship the rest of the money to someone else. The officer asked the defendant who he was supposed to ship the money to and he stated that he “had no clue” and then said that someone from Parker’s company was supposed to contact him and let him know. The defendant denied knowing the money orders were counterfeit. He stated that he tried to call MoneyGram to verify their authenticity, but was put on hold and eventually hung up. He agreed that it was “slightly unusual” for a stranger to send him checks to cash for a company, but said he didn’t think there was anything wrong with it. When asked if he would send his own checks to a stranger to cash, he replied, “Fuck no!” The money orders were written out to William Hearn with a NY address. The defendant could not explain why a NY address was listed. When asked why he was only

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trying to cash one of the checks instead of all four, the defendant stated, “I don’t know. I didn’t need all four right now. I just needed the one.”

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

DATED: July 9, 2007
PLACE: TACOMA, WA

/s/ LISA WAGNER
LISA WAGNER, WSB# 16718

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