

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2012OC000705  
Assigned DA/ADA: John A. Evans  
Agency Case No.: OCSD 12-8931  
Court Case No.: 2012CF000190

-vs-

DREW S. CHRISTENSEN  
10691 COUNTY ROAD Z  
SURING, WI 54174  
DOB: 09/05/1984

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

Defendant,

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Chief Deputy Clark Longsine, being first duly sworn, states that:

**Count 1: ARSON OF BUILDING**

The above-named defendant on or about Sunday, January 22, 2012, in the Town of Bagley, Oconto County, Wisconsin, by means of fire, did intentionally damage the building of Dennis F. Lasky, without that person's consent, contrary to sec. 943.02(1)(a), 939.50(3)(c) Wis. Stats., a Class C Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than forty (40) years, or both.

Complainant states he is the Chief Deputy with the Oconto County Sheriff's Department and makes this complaint on information, belief, and personal knowledge, his information is presumed reliable as a police informant, and on information provided by the Oconto County Sheriff's Department, this information is presumed reliable because it is from complainant's own police agency which agency complainant believes is reputable and reliable. He has, in the past, reviewed reports of various deputies and investigators of the Oconto County Sheriff's Department and has always found these reports to be true and correct.

**PROBABLE CAUSE:**

He has recently reviewed a narrative report of Investigator Darren Laskowski who states that on 01/22/2012, 12:03 a.m., Oconto County Sheriff's Department was notified of a fire to a garage at 11122 County Road Z in the Town of Bagley. This property is owned by Dennis F. Lasky, Jr. Suring Fire Department was notified and responded and subsequently extinguished the fire. However, the garage and contents were a total loss. The Suring Fire Department was paged at 12:03 a.m. and arrived on scene at 12:17 a.m. The cause of the fire was undetermined.

On October 8, 2012, Investigator Laskowski received a phone call from Kevin Heimrl. Kevin is an investigator with the Department of Justice, Criminal Investigations. Kevin said he had spoken to an individual identified as Drew Christensen, who confessed to causing the fire at Dennis Lasky Jr's. residence, specifically the garage. Kevin further indicated Drew Christensen confessed to causing several other fires in the area, including the Jaded Bar, attempt at Jaded Bar, Klondike Church, Kristine and Ken Trojan trailer fire, Everbreeze Bar, and Dennis Lasky's garage. Additional fires in other counties were also caused by Drew Christensen.

On October 10, 2012, I Investigator Darren Laskowski spoke with Dennis Lasky Jr. I explained to Dennis I had been informed that his garage fire from 01/22/2012 was an intentional act. I explained to Dennis I wanted to get a statement recounting the moments leading up to his garage fire.

Dennis said on 01/22/2012 he was home. Dennis said around 12:00 a.m. he was sleeping on the couch when he was awakened by his kids screaming the garage was on fire. Dennis said his mother was also at his home. Dennis said his mother was playing a game on the computer. Dennis said the garage is unattended and separated from his residence. Dennis said he immediately went outside and observed his garage was on fire. Dennis said the fire was coming out of the front of the garage, near the gable and trusses. Dennis said he saw flames shooting out. Dennis said the fire was too advanced to attempt to put the fire out. Dennis said before he called 911, Drew Christensen showed up at his residence. Dennis said Drew told him he was driving by and noticed the fire, then decided to stop and help. Dennis said Drew saw the fire before he did. Dennis said he called 911. Dennis said the garage and contents were a total loss. Dennis said Suring Fire Department did respond, but it was too late to save anything. Dennis said he lost approximately \$40,000.00 dollars because of the fire. Dennis said he did not have an insurance policy on the garage or most of its contents. Dennis said a few items were covered, but for the most part he lost everything. Dennis said he remembered talking with Drew Christensen. Dennis said he thought it was odd how quickly he was there around the time of the fire. Dennis said Drew told him about a fire at his uncle's place on White Lake Road that occurred some time ago, wherein he was also there, and they had lost everything. Dennis said Drew talked about how long it took the fire department to get to the fire at his uncle's place.

Dennis said his family suffered greatly from this fire. Dennis said his dad died in 2000 of cancer. Dennis said all of his late father's Vietnam and family memorabilia was in the garage. Dennis said that garage had everything in it. Dennis explained all of his hunting gear, 4 wheelers, holiday decorations; tools, etc. were in that garage. Dennis said the garage was like a room in the house where socializing and things like it occurred. Dennis said since the fire, his family has been on guard about things, especially because recently other fires had also occurred in the area.

Dennis said he has an eleven year old daughter who he will not leave home alone as a result of the fire. Dennis said he did not give anyone consent to cause the fire to his

garage. At this point, Investigator Laskowski explained he would be forwarding this report to the Oconto County District Attorney.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on  
October 11, 2012

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Complainant

And approved for filing:

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John A. Evans  
State Bar #1014285

I find that probable cause exists that the crime was committed by the defendant and order that he be held to answer thereto.

Dated: October 11, 2012

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Circuit Judge