PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

OSI Case #: 2023-190-00053

Date: 12-20-2024

I, Investigator David Wansing, an investigator with the Office of Special Investigations for the State of Missouri, upon my oath, and under penalties of perjury, state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that between the dates of June 2022 and June 2024, at 29812 E Major Rd, Grain Valley, MO, Mike McLin committed one or more criminal offenses.

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

Mike McLin is the son of the victim who is an "Eligible Adult" under Missouri Statute, who is 80 years old and unable to protect her own interests. Mike McLin and his girlfriend moved into the victim's house either in 2021 or 2022 so Mike McLin could assist his father who had cancer until he passed away. Mike McLin was able to put his name on the victim's bank accounts but the victim does not know how he was able to do that. In June 2022 Mike McLin began withdrawing money out of the victim's bank accounts at Central Bank without the victim's knowledge or permission and this continued until June 2024 when the victim discovered there was at least $160,000 missing from her bank accounts. The victim then closed her bank accounts and opened new accounts so Mike McLin would no longer have access to the accounts and could not steal any more of the victim's money.

After Mike McLin and his girlfriend moved into the victim's house, they both started running their businesses out of the victim's house and on her property and basically took over the victim's house. Mike McLin and his girlfriend began causing problems for the victim making it difficult for her to live in her own home. In June 2024 the victim moved out of her house and went to live with her grandson and his wife so they could assist her with her daily needs and finances. Mike McLin and is girlfriend would not leave the victim's house eviction notices were placed on the house and property to get Mike McLin and his girlfriend out of her house.

The victim also discovered that the Discover credit card had been taken and was being used by Mike McLin without permission and he had made approximately $10,000 in purchases with the card. The victim provided me with copies of the Discover Credit card statements and it was discovered that between August 2022 and December 2023 there were $9,755.81 in purchases in which the victim identified as being made by Mike McLin.

Bank records for the victim's accounts were obtained from Central Bank and reviewed to determine the total amount that was stolen by Mike McLin. In June 2022 Mike McLin began removing money from the victim's bank accounts by transferring the money from the victim's account to himself using online Zell transfers. Between June 2022 and June 2024 Mike McLin stole $217,160.18 out of the victim's checking account ending in #7888. Between the dates of November 2022 and June 2024 Mike stole $13,159.59 from the victim's Money Market account ending in #3497 for a total of $230,319.77 out of these two accounts.

During interviews with the victim, the victim stated the Mike McLin was not given permission to use or take any money out of the victim's bank accounts and he was never told that the money was both of theirs. The victim also said that Mike McLin was not given permission to take or use the Discover credit card. During the interviews, the victim said that she did want to prosecute Mike McLin for stealing her money out of the victim's bank accounts and using the credit card without permission.

During an interview with Mike McLin, he stated that he had a joint checking and savings account with the victim and he said the victim told him it was their money. He admitted that he used the money from the victim's account for his business and he did not tell the victim he was using the money. Mike stated that he had been taking money out of the victim's accounts for one to one and a half years and he said he had taken approximately $160,000 and he again stated that he never asked the victim before he took the money. When he was told that he had taken approximately $240,000 out of the victim's accounts, he said he did not realize it was that much. Mike explained that he took the money out of the victim's account because his business wasn't doing good. When he was asked about the Discover card purchases, he admitted to using the card to make purchases and said some of the purchases were for the victim. During the interview Mike was asked the following questions: Have you been using the victim's bank account for your personal or business expenses and he answered yes. Have you stolen money out of the victim's bank account and he answered, "stolen I used, I guess yeah".

Mike McLink's bank records for his personal and business accounts were obtained from US Bank. While reviewing the bank records I found numerous deposits going into Mike's bank accounts which were Zell transactions/deposits from the victim's bank account.

The total financial loss that the victim suffered as a result of Mike McLin is $240,075.58. This is the result of the withdrawals out of the victim's bank accounts and charges made on the victim's credit card.

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