

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA Brevard County Sheriff's Office CR# 2025-00043078

VS.

ETHAN VONDLE

Court Case No.

AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT

State of Florida
County of Brevard

BEFORE ME Agent Kyle Williams ID 741 a sworn law enforcement officer, personally came Agent Danielle Quinn ID 674, of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, who being duly sworn deposes and says: that Affiant has reason to believe and does believe that probable cause exists for the arrest of **Ethan Vondle, DOB 7/23/2006, SSN [REDACTED] 2935 Kemblewick Drive Bldg. 5 Apt. 206, Melbourne, Florida 32935, 5'8", 150 lbs., white male** for a violation of the laws of the State of Florida, to wit: **Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle (2) Counts** contrary to section 812.014.2c6 Florida Statutes, **Leaving a Scene of a Crash with Property Damage**, contrary to section 316.061, Florida Statutes, and **Reckless Driving**, contrary to section 316.192, Florida Statutes, which occurred at **4150 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida 32934.**

THE FACTS tending to establish the grounds for this application and the probable cause of Affiant believing that such facts exist are as follows:

On Saturday, February 08, 2025 at approximately 2137 hours the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) received a call for service in reference to a stolen vehicle, which occurred at the Wendy's restaurant located at 4150 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida 32934.

Deputy H. Wooten ID 5199 met with Mr. Jermaine M. Malloy who advised the following in a sworn audio-recorded statement:

Mr. Malloy is a manager at Wendy's and was working at the above location when a co-worker asked him if he had driven his vehicle to work. Mr. Malloy confirmed he had drove his vehicle to work and the co-worker advised him he had just seen his vehicle being driven away out of the parking lot. Mr. Malloy ran out of the restaurant and confirmed his vehicle was stolen and called law enforcement. Mr. Malloy stated his vehicle was parked to the northside of Wendy's in the first row. There are no cameras on the outside of the restaurant and no one had seen anyone suspicious in the area. Mr. Malloy still had the one and only key to his vehicle on his keychain, which was in his possession. Mr. Malloy stated he locked his vehicle prior to walking inside Wendy's to start his shift. Deputy Wooten confronted the employees and learned no one had seen the driver of Mr. Malloy's vehicle they only saw the vehicle heading northbound on

Wickham Road from the parking lot of Wendy's. According to Mr. Malloy there no suspects he could think of that would have taken his vehicle without his permission.

The vehicle is described as a 1998 white Mercury Grand Marquis bearing Florida tag CM68NL. The vehicle is valued at approximately \$2,000. The vehicle had a broken front passenger headlight that is smashed in and has a broken passenger side mirror. On the rear of the vehicle are multiple old stickers. There are two air fresheners and a jack Skellington keychain hanging from the rear-view mirror.

Deputy Wooten had the vehicle and tag entered into FCIC/NCIC as stolen by Teletype Operator ID 5256.

At approximately 0003 hours on February 09, 2025 Mr. Malloy called BCSO dispatch to advise them he had heard from a co-worker who lives at Wickham Club Apartments that his vehicle was parked at the apartment complex. Deputy Wooten responded to Wickham Club Apartments and located the reported stolen vehicle on the south side of the parking lot at 2935 Kemblewick Drive, building 5, Melbourne, Florida, 32935. The vehicle was backed into a parking space and locked. Deputy Wooten observed the ignition free of damage and she did not observe any signs of hot wiring or tampering. Deputy Wooten made telephone contact with Mr. Malloy to let him know his vehicle was recovered, and Mr. Malloy responded to the scene to take possession of his vehicle. Mr. Malloy was unwilling to provide any further information about his co-workers that had originally told him his vehicle was stolen and who had told them where they had seen his vehicle.

Deputy Wooten spoke with Teletype Operator ID 5256 and had the vehicle removed NCIC/FCIC as stolen.

Mr. Malloy came to the Wickham Club Apartments and collected his vehicle. Mr. Malloy was unwilling to provide any further information about who his co-workers were that had originally told him his vehicle was stolen and who had told him where they had seen his vehicle at the apartment complex.

On Sunday, February 09, 2025, at approximately 2327 hours BCSO received a call for service in reference to a stolen vehicle, which occurred again at the Wendy's, located at 4150 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida, 32934.

Deputy T. Farragher ID 4676 noted on Saturday, February 08, 2025, at approximately 2137 hours, deputies responded to the same aforementioned address to meet with the same victim (Mr. Malloy) for a stolen vehicle. During this incident, deputies located the stolen vehicle at Wickham Club Apartments and returned the vehicle to victim.

Deputy T. Farragher ID 4676 met with Mr. Jermaine M. Malloy who advised the following in substance:

While working at Wendy's, he parked his 1998 white Mercury Grand Marquis, bearing Florida tag CM68NL on the south side of the business, within sight of the drive-thru window. Mr.

Malloy exited the business and walked into the outdoor storage, and upon returning back into the business discovered his vehicle was again stolen from the parking lot. Mr. Malloy ran out of the restaurant and confirmed his vehicle was stolen and called law enforcement.

There are no cameras on the outside of the building. Mr. Malloy still had the one and only key to his vehicle on his keychain that was on his person. Mr. Malloy confirmed his vehicle had been locked. The vehicle was last seen heading northbound on Wickham Road by an employee from Gator's Dockside in the shared parking lot. There were no suspects Mr. Malloy could think of that would want to take his vehicle.

The vehicle is valued at approximately \$2,000. The vehicle has a broken front passenger headlight that is smashed in and has a broken passenger side mirror. On the rear of the vehicle are multiple old stickers. The vehicle and tag/decals were entered into FCIC/NCIC as stolen by Teletype Operator ID 5370.

Deputies responded to the scene and canvassed the area; however, yielded negative results in finding the vehicle.

On Monday, February 10, 2025, at approximately 0815 hours Deputy J. Guillet ID 5410 conducted an area patrol at Lake Washington Park located at 6000 Lake Washington Road, Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida 32934.

While on scene, he observed a 1998 white Mercury Grand Marquis bearing Florida tag CM68NL. The vehicle was unoccupied and appeared to have collided into a wooden fence.

Due to the location and appearance of the vehicle Deputy Guillet ran a query through FCIC/NCIC. The results of the query showed the vehicle had been entered as stolen out of Brevard County on February 09, 2025. Deputy Guillet then contacted the registered owner of the vehicle, Mr. Jermaine Malloy. He was advised of the location and condition of the vehicle. Mr. Malloy advised he was unable to arrange for a tow truck and unable to pick it up.

Deputy Guillet contacted Teletype Operator ID 598 and requested a rotation wrecker. Teletype advised the wrecker would be Kendall's Towing & Recovery located at 1863 Aurora Road, Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida, 32935.

Deputy Guillet completed a Recovered/Stolen Vehicle affidavit, took pictures to document the condition of the vehicle prior to being towed, and completed a Vehicle Storage Impound Information Receipt. Deputy Guillet processed the vehicle for latent fingerprints, but the surface was not conducive for the application of standard latent fingerprint powder. In addition, there were no other items of evidentiary value collected or submitted into evidence.

Prior to Deputy Guillet leaving the scene, Mr. Blaise Leone, maintenance superintendent with Brevard County Parks & Recreation, advised he had reached out to his IT personnel to see if there was video footage of the incident.

On Monday, February 10, 2025 I was assigned this case for further investigation.

On Thursday, February 13, 2025 I made telephone contact with Mr. Jermaine Malloy who

provided a sworn audio-recorded statement. Mr. Malloy stated the following in substance:

He drove his 1998 white Mercury to work and prior to entering the restaurant to start his shift, he secured his vehicle and placed his vehicle keys in his pant pocket. No one else had permission to use his vehicle and no one else has a copy of his vehicle key. Mr. Malloy stated he was notified by his co-worker that he had seen his vehicle leave the Wendy's parking lot and assumed it was Mr. Malloy, but when he was confronted his colleague clearly knew it was not Mr. Malloy driving. Mr. Malloy stated when he and the deputy confronted his employees they confirmed they did not see the person driving only the vehicle leaving. Mr. Malloy stated the Wendy's does not have security cameras on the exterior of the restaurant. Mr. Malloy explained he does not owe anyone money or have "beef" with anyone, so he has no clue who would have taken his vehicle. Mr. Malloy's vehicle was later located at the Wickham Club Apartments unoccupied. Mr. Malloy stated he retrieved his vehicle and the next day February 09, 2025 his vehicle was again stolen from the parking lot of Wendy's. Mr. Malloy intentionally parked his vehicle on the southside of the restaurant where the drive-thru window is at, but he did not see the person take his vehicle. Mr. Malloy then contacted law enforcement to have his vehicle reported stolen for the second time.

Mr. Malloy stated on Monday, February 10, 2025 he was contacted by a deputy and was notified his vehicle was recovered at the Lake Washington Park in Melbourne and it appeared someone had crashed it into a wooden fence, and his vehicle was towed by Kendall Towing. Mr. Malloy stated he is working with Kendall Towing in order to take possession of his vehicle after he pays them money. Mr. Malloy had no suspect information to provide and still does not know who would have taken his vehicle two days in a row. Mr. Malloy wishes to pursue criminal charges against the person (s) who took his vehicle without his consent. Mr. Malloy confirmed he purchased the white Mercury through Facebook Marketplace and paid the seller Mr. Chris Zill \$2,000 for the vehicle back in November of 2024.

On Tuesday, February 18, 2025 I made telephone contact with Melbourne Parks and Recreation maintenance superintendent, Blaise Leone and he stated he downloaded the parks security camera footage onto a thumb drive and the suspect caused approximately \$460.00 dollars' worth of damage to the fence. On this same date I met with Mr. Leone at South Precinct located at 1515 Sarno Road, Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida 32935 and obtained the security camera footage. I documented the thumb drive on a BCSO property receipt and the thumb drive was later submitted into evidence. Prior to submitting the thumb drive into evidence, I reviewed the security camera footage and observed Mr. Malloy's vehicle being driven into the Lake Washington Park parking lot at approximately 0039 hours followed by a red four door vehicle, which appeared to be a Toyota with blurred out vehicle tag with the visible letter "P" located in the middle of the license plate. The driver of the white 1998 Mercury was driving recklessly through the parking lot and intentionally crashed the vehicle into a wooden fence near the park restrooms. Meanwhile, the driver and occupant of the red vehicle parked on the westside of the parking lot closest to the boat ramp. I observed two subjects exit the red vehicle. The driver of the vehicle appeared to be a female wearing a black long sleeve shirt, grey pants, and white shoes. In addition, the driver was later observed filming the vehicle crash into the wooden fence with an electronic device. The driver is then observed leaping over a wooden fence and running back to the red vehicle, and then entered the driver seat again. The passenger of the red vehicle

appeared to be a male wearing a blue long sleeve shirt/jacket, black pants, and dark colored shoes. The passenger then met with a white male subject driving Mr. Malloy's white Mercury and is described wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, dark shorts, black socks, and black slides. The two males are then observed inside Mr. Malloy's vehicle driving purposely into the wooden fence twice. After the vehicle is crashed the two male subjects exit the white Mercury and are observed running through the parking lot to enter into the red vehicle driven by the white female.

South Precinct Investigative Analyst ran search inquires through the FLOCK camera system to narrow down a license plate attached to red vehicle and came across a red Toyota 4 door bearing Florida tag RGWP30, which is registered to a Ms. Maia Johnson who resides at 2935 Kemplewick Drive Bldg.5 Apt. 206, Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida 32935. The address in which Ms. Johnson resides is the same apartment complex Mr. Malloy's vehicle was recovered by Deputy Wooten.

On Thursday, February 20, 2025 I responded to Wickham Club Apartments in Melbourne and patrolled the area in attempt to locate the red Toyota bearing Florida tag RGWP30. During this time, I located the described red Toyota parked in front of building #5 at 2935 Kemplewick Drive, Melbourne. I confirmed with the leasing office Ms. Johnson resides at said address and her boyfriend Mr. Ethan Vondle is also listed on the lease. I completed a title history search through D.A.V.I.D and noticed Mr. Malloy's vehicle bearing VIN number **2MEFM74W4WX616718** was previously owned by Mr. Ethan Vondle and Mr. Andrew Zill. Mr. Andrew Zill's father is Mr. Chris Zill the individual who sold the white Mercury to Mr. Malloy.

On Monday, February 24, 2025 I made telephone contact with Mr. Malloy and asked if he knew or recognized the names: Maia, Ethan, and Andrew. Mr. Malloy stated he does not know anyone by those names.

On Tuesday, February 25, 2025 Agent R. Ferrell ID 4734 and I attempted to make contact with Ms. Johnson at her apartment and this was met with negative results. Prior to making contact we observed her red Toyota parked in front of building #5. I left a business card at the front door requesting she contact me at the telephone number listed. At approximately 1330 hours Ms. Johnson called into South Precinct requesting to speak with me. I coordinated to meet with Ms. Johnson at her apartment at approximately 1400 hours with Agent R. Ferrell.

Ms. Johnson willingly provided a sworn audio-recorded statement describing the following in substance:

Her and her boyfriend Mr. Ethan Vondle have been dating for two years and both have been residing at the Wickham Club Apartments for approximately 6 months, and she confirmed she drives and owns the red Toyota Camry parked outside her apartment. Ms. Johnson stated her boyfriend currently owns and drives a white Chevy Impala with a black painted hood and it looks like an old police vehicle. I asked Ms. Johnson if Mr. Vondle has owned any other vehicles in the past and she stated Mr. Vondle sold his white Mercury a couple of years ago to an unknown male. Ms. Johnson recalls Mr. Vondle telling her he had located the white Mercury he used to own at the Wendy's on Wickham Road and met with an employee to buy it back for \$150.00 dollars. Ms. Johnson stated she thought it was a little odd that he was able to purchase

his vehicle back for \$150.00 dollars, but did not question Mr. Vondle any further. Ms. Johnson stated when Mr. Vondle made the alleged transaction to get the Mercury back she was at work (Wawa) and when she got home from work that is when Mr. Vondle told her he had purchased his vehicle back, and it was parked in front of building #5 at her apartment complex. The next day February 09, 2025 Ms. Johnson explained Mr. Vondle noticed the white Mercury was no longer on the property and Mr. Vondle had told her he was going to try and get the vehicle back. Ms. Johnson stated Mr. Vondle's friend Mr. Christopher Vetter arranged to drive around the Wendy's parking lot to see if the Mercury was parked there. At this time Mr. Vetter got inside the passenger side of her red Toyota while Mr. Vondle instructed her that he would follow her and Mr. Vetter to the Lake Washington park once he collects the Mercury. Ms. Johnson confirmed when Mr. Vondle initially sold the Mercury he only turned over one set of keys to the vehicle and kept the second key for the vehicle.

While at Lake Washington park Ms. Johnson stated Mr. Vondle instructed her to record him driving recklessly throughout the park and wanted her to video him purposely driving into the wooded fence near the bathrooms. Ms. Johnson stated while Mr. Vondle was driving Mr. Vetter was in the passenger seat of the Mercury. Ms. Johnson confirmed she still had the videos she recorded on her cell phone and provided me with the videos she was instructed to film. Ms. Johnson stated after Mr. Vondle crashed the vehicle the three of them ran back to her red Toyota leaving the Mercury behind and then drove back to her apartment. While speaking with Ms. Johnson she provided the spare key that belonged to the Mercury, which was attached to a white keychain lanyard. I photographed the key and the key fob utilizing my agency issued cell phone proving Mr. Vondle is still in possession of a second key that he never turned over when he sold the vehicle to Mr. Andrew Zill and why Mr. Malloy was only given one vehicle key when he purchased the Mercury from Mr. Chris Zill. Ms. Johnson stated Mr. Vondle works at the Tire Kingdom located on Wickham Road and works until 1700 hours.

On this same date Agent Ferrell and I met with Mr. Ethan Vondle at the Tire Kingdom located at 1580 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida 32935. Mr. Vondle agreed to speak with me behind the business near his white Chevy Impala and provided a sworn audio-recorded statement. Mr. Vondle stated the following substance:

Approximately 2-3 years ago he used to own a white Mercury, but sold it on Facebook Marketplace and does not recall the name of person he sold it to, but remembers it was a white male. When he sold the vehicle, he kept the spare key. He and his friend Chris Vetter were driving around Wendy's and thought he recognized his old vehicle because of the stickers that were attached to the back of the vehicle. He told his girlfriend Ms. Johnson that he went inside Wendy's and bought the vehicle back, but that is not what actually happened. Mr. Vondle stated he never went inside Wendy's to meet with the vehicle owner and thought it would be funny to take his old vehicle because he still had the spare key to the vehicle. Mr. Vondle confirmed he never bought back the vehicle and only told his girlfriend that because he wanted to keep her out of it. Mr. Vondle stated he removed the vehicle from the Wendy's parking lot and drove it back to his apartment complex and the following day noticed it was no longer at the apartment complex. He asked his friend Mr. Vetter to drive him back up to Wendy's to see if the vehicle was there again and noticed it was; therefore, Mr. Vondle took the vehicle again and requested his girlfriend and Mr. Vetter to meet him at the Lake Washington park. While in the park Mr.

Vondle stated he drove around the parking lot doing burn outs and drove the vehicle into a wooden fence with Mr. Vetter sitting in the passenger seat. Mr. Vondle stated after crashing the vehicle it was no longer drivable hence the reason why the vehicle was left at the park. After they left the park the three of them went to his apartment.

On Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at approximately 1315 hours I met with Mr. Christopher Vetter at his apartment complex located at 2225 Merion Drive Apt. 202, Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida 32935. Mr. Vetter willingly met me outside of his apartment complex in the parking lot and provided a sworn audio-recorded statement. Mr. Vetter stated the following in substance:

He met Mr. Ethan Vondle at McDonald's a couple of years ago as they both used to work there. He has under the impression Mr. Vondle purchased the Mercury because that is what Mr. Vondle told him. Mr. Vetter stated Mr. Vondle mentioned to him, he had purchased his old vehicle back from a guy that works at Wendy's on Wickham Road, and was not with Mr. Vondle during the time of the alleged purchase of the vehicle. Mr. Vetter explained once Mr. Vondle shared with him he bought his old vehicle back he invited him to Lake Washington park. At the time Mr. Vetter's vehicle was not working; therefore, Mr. Vondle's girlfriend Maia gave him a ride to Lake Washington Park where Mr. Vondle followed them to the park in the Mercury. Mr. Vetter witnessed Mr. Vondle do "donuts," "burn outs," and tried to "drift" the vehicle throughout the parking lot. Mr. Vetter admitted to being the passenger of the vehicle when Mr. Vondle was driving recklessly throughout the park, and when Mr. Vondle intentionally drove the Mercury into the wooden fence causing property damage. Mr. Vetter stated Maia captured the incident on her cell phone. Mr. Vetter reiterated the fact he was not involved in taking the vehicle without permission and did not know the vehicle was reported stolen. In addition, Mr. Vetter expressed he aspires becoming a police officer in the future and plans on attending the Police Academy and understands the severity and position Mr. Vondle put him in. Mr. Vetter confirmed he and Mr. Vondle did not sustain any injuries when they crashed into the wooden fence or seek any medical attention after the fact.

Mr. Ethan Vondle knowingly and intentionally deprived Mr. Jermaine Malloy of his vehicle on Saturday, February 08, 2025 and on Sunday, February 09, 2025. Mr. Vondle intentionally drove the vehicle to Lake Washington Park, Melbourne and purposefully drove inside the park in a willful disregard for the safety of persons and property. Mr. Vondle knowingly and intentionally drove Mr. Malloy's vehicle into a wooden fence causing damage to the property, which was captured on the Melbourne Parks and Recreation security cameras and on Ms. Johnson's cell phone. Mr. Vondle purposely left the scene of the crash and failed to report the incident to law enforcement.

Based on the above facts, statements, and physical evidence provided, your Affiant has probable cause to believe and does believe that the above listed probable cause, all leads to the substantiation that defendant, **Ethan Vondle**, has committed a violation of the laws of the State of Florida, to wit: **Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle (2) counts**, contrary to section **812.014.2c6, Florida Statutes**, **Leaving a Scene of a Crash with Property Damage**, contrary to section **316.061, Florida Statutes**, and **Reckless Driving**, contrary to section **316.192, Florida Statutes**.

Your Affiant, Agent Danielle Quinn (hereinafter referred to as Your Affiant) is a sworn Law Enforcement Officer employed by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office in the State of Florida after completing the Basic Law Enforcement Academy from Eastern Florida State College in 2015. Your Affiant has been a Law Enforcement officer for ten years, employed as a Brevard County Sheriff's Deputy since March, 2019. Your Affiant is currently assigned as an Agent with the South Precinct General Crimes Unit. Your Affiant was previously assigned as a Field Training Officer. Your Affiant has attended Florida Department of Law Enforcement and other Agency training courses including, but not limited to the following:

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| 1. Basic Police Training – Law Enforcement Academy | 8. Breath Test Operator |
| 2. Interview and Interrogations | 9. Advanced Report Writing |
| 3. Dangerous Drugs and Narcotics | 10. Social Media & Open Sources |
| 4. Field Training Officer | 11. Practical Fraud Investigations |
| 5. Advanced Speed Measurement | 12. Hostage & Crisis Negotiation |
| 6. General Instructor Techniques | 13. Detecting Deception |
| 7. Child Sex Crimes Investigations | 14. Line Supervision |

WHEREAS, your Affiant makes this affidavit and prays for the issuance of an Arrest Warrant with authority to effect the arrest of **Ethan Vondle** for the violation of the laws of the State of Florida, to wit: **Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle (2) Counts** contrary to section 812.014.2c6 Florida Statutes, **Leaving a Scene of a Crash with Property Damage**, contrary to section 316.061, Florida Statutes, and **Reckless Driving**, contrary to section 316.192, Florida Statutes.


 Agent Danielle Quinn #674
 Brevard County Sheriff's Office
 Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 28 DAY OF February,
 A.D. 2025 BY (Affiant) Agent Kyle Williams WHO IS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO ME.


 Agent Kyle Williams #741
 SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
 BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

