



OKLAHOMA  
PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT  
State of Oklahoma VS SMITH, AARON ALLEN

In the District Court of Ottawa County

State of Oklahoma

State of Oklahoma

Plaintiff

Vs.

SMITH, AARON ALLEN

Defendant

Case Number: QNMS25-0025

CF-25-31 FILED  
DISTRICT COURT  
OTTAWA CO. OKLA.

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**PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT**

Comes now the undersigned Affiant, and states upon Oath or Affirmation that the following information and facts are correct to the best of the Affiant's knowledge and belief. The undersigned believes that probable cause exists for the detention of the below named ARRESTEE for the below listed crimes committed on the below listed date, in Ottawa County, Oklahoma.

Subject Name SMITH, AARON ALLEN

DOB 12/1976

SSN xxx-xx-9950

Sex MALE

Race WHITE

Hair BALD

Eye HAZEL

Height 601

Weight 250

Ethnicity NOT HISPANIC OR

LATINO

Address 4010 MILES COURT JOPLIN, MO 64804

Arrest Date/Time

Arrest Location

Offense Location 69300 E NEE RD QUAPAW, OK 74363

Offense(s) Committed / Anticipated Charge(s)

1) 21-1451(A) EMBEZZLEMENT

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**Facts & Circumstance that support probable cause to arrest the above-named person are**

On December 31, 2024, I was contacted by Detective Tiffany Osborne of the Joplin Police Department regarding unauthorized charges to a debit card belonging to the Miracle League of Joplin, which is a non-profit organization that provides children with disabilities the opportunity to play Miracle League baseball in Joplin, Missouri.

Detective Osborne advised her agency was contacted by Miracle League Board Member Shawn Daniel, who detected unauthorized transactions to a debit card (ending in 3280) assigned to the board's treasurer, Aaron Allen Smith. Board Member Shawn Daniel reported the current estimated loss of nearly \$70,000. Of that amount, \$59,316 occurred at Downstream Casino Resort (DCR), located at 69300 East Nee Road in rural Quapaw, Ottawa County, Oklahoma. The transactions occurred between August of 2024 and December of 2024. Additional unauthorized transactions were conducted at Indigo Sky Casino in rural Wyandotte, Oklahoma, the Hardrock Casino in Catoosa, Oklahoma, and at ATMs in Joplin, Missouri, all of which are being investigated in their respective jurisdictions.

Shawn Daniel said the debit card (ending in 3280) was issued to Aaron Smith by the Miracle League of Joplin Board, and stated the account is with US Bank in Joplin, Missouri. The funds in the account are specific to the Miracle League of Joplin expenses and are subject to the board's approval.

Shawn Daniel provided me with bank statements from US Bank dated January 2024-November 2024 for account ending in 2957, which is linked to the debit card ending in 3280. I was also provided statements for accounts ending in 3003 and 9141. On December 18, 2024, Aaron Smith made a \$50,000 deposit into the Miracle League of Joplin account (ending in 2957) from his personal banking account with Commerce Bank in Joplin. On December 19, 2024, the deposit was returned, and the funds were removed from the Miracle League of Joplin's account.

The bank statement for the account ending in 2957 shows the following transactions were made using a debit card ending in 3280 at DCR:

Note: The transactions show the statement date and are listed in order from the most recent transaction. Debit purchases are made through the cashier's cage at DCR and ATM withdrawals are conducted through ATMs, or Ticket Redemption Units (TRUs), on the casino floor at DCR.

- December 20, 2024 - debit purchase in the amount of \$1,000 with a \$36.00 overdraft fee
- December 18, 2024 - ATM withdrawal in the amount of \$485 with a \$2.50 transaction fee and a \$36.00 overdraft fee
- December 6, 2024 - debit purchase in the amount of \$2,000
- December 6, 2024 - debit purchase in the amount of \$2,000
- December 4, 2024 - ATM withdrawal in the amount of \$205 with a \$2.50 transaction fee and a \$36.00 overdraft fee
- November 21, 2024 - debit purchase in the amount of \$2,000



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- November 21, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$2,500
- November 21, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$2,500
- November 21, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$2,500
- November 20, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$2,000
- November 18, 2024 – ATM withdrawal in the amount of \$405 with a \$2.50 fee
- October 28, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$2,500
- October 25, 2024 – ATM withdrawal in the amount of \$405 with a \$2.50 transaction fee
- October 23, 2024 – ATM withdrawal in the amount of \$105 with a \$5.00 transaction fee
- October 16, 2024 – ATM withdrawal in the amount of \$405 with a \$5.00 transaction fee
- October 15, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$1,000
- October 15, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$2,000
- October 10, 2024 – ATM withdrawal in the amount of \$405 with a \$5.00 transaction fee
- October 7, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$1,000
- October 4, 2024 – ATM withdrawal in the amount of \$405 with a \$5.00 transaction fee
- October 4, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$2,000
- October 2, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$2,650
- October 2, 2024 - debit purchase in the amount of \$2,650
- September 30, 2024 – ATM withdrawal in the amount of \$405 with a \$2.50 fee
- September 20, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$1,060
- September 18, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$1,590
- September 18, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$1,590
- September 16, 2024 – ATM withdrawal in the amount of \$405 with a \$2.50 fee
- September 12, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$2,120
- September 12, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$1,060
- September 9, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$2,650
- September 9, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$2,120
- September 9, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$1,590
- September 6, 2024 – ATM withdrawal in the amount of \$405 with a \$2.50 fee
- September 4, 2024 – ATM withdrawal in the amount of \$500 with a \$2.50 fee
- September 3, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$2,120
- September 3, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$2,120
- September 3, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$2,120
- September 3, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$2,120
- August 30, 2024 – ATM withdrawal in the amount of \$504 with a \$2.50 transaction fee
- August 26, 2024 – debit purchase in the amount of \$1,060
- August 23, 2024 – ATM withdrawal in the amount of \$504 with a \$2.50 transaction fee

I contacted Investigator Damon Von Moss with DCR, who provided me with records from DCR regarding the transactions. Investigator Von Moss provided photos from December 18, 2024, of Aaron Smith arriving at casino alone, driving a Toyota Avalon passenger car bearing Missouri license plate ZC1 H4U. Ottawa County Central Dispatch confirmed the vehicle is registered to Aaron Smith. DCR also provided photographs showing Aaron Smith using an ATM to withdraw money on December 18<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. DCR provided PlayerCash Advantage



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documents from the cashier cage, where Aaron Smith provided the debit card ending in 3280 and his driver's license (Missouri J205096008) in order to make cash advances (debit purchases).

Investigator Von Moss also provided Downstream Q Club Player History for Aaron Smith, which shows Aaron Smith used his player's club card in Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs) during every ATM withdrawal and debit purchase transaction made between September 30, 2024, and December 18, 2024, at DCR. Aaron Smith provided his Missouri driver's license to the DCR Player's Club in order to receive a player's card. The players cards are used in EGMs to track player activity and for patrons to receive points and access to promotional events.

On January 9, 2025, I contacted Aaron Smith by telephone to schedule an interview. Aaron Smith stated he would check his calendar and return my call. I later learned Aaron Smith contacted an attorney. As of January 14, 2025, I have not heard from Aaron Smith or an attorney on his behalf.

☐ AFCF ? ☐ Time (1) ☐ Time (2) or Other

Upon oath, I declare that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Officer Name: HAMLIN, BEAU Badge Number: M8

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Signature of Affiant

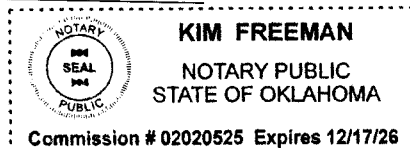
Subscribed and sworn before me on January 14, 2025

My commission number 02020525

My commission expires 12/17/26

Kim Freeman

Notary Public



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- ☐ Bond Posted? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ A probable cause determination is not necessary, the arrestee bonded out of jail on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Appeared in Court

The undersigned Judge of this Court having conducted a probable cause determination for the above-named person's arrest without warrant by sworn testimony and/or affidavit finds:

- ☐ This affidavit/testimony contains sufficient facts showing probable cause for the person's arrest existed at the time of the arrest. Arraignment before a court is ordered on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ This affidavit/testimony contains insufficient facts to show probable cause for the person's arrest existed at the time of arrest. The arrestee is ordered released from custody immediately.

*I make the preceding findings and order pursuant to Gerstein v. Pugh, 420 U.S. 103 (1975), and County of Riverside v. McLaughlin, No. 89-1817 (U.S. May 13, 1991) (Lexis 2528):*

**FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

The Undersigned Judge of this Court, upon sworn affidavit, hereby determines there to be probable cause for issuance of an arrest ~~without~~ warrant.

Date: 2/4/25

Andrea Meloy  
Judge of the Court

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## **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

On January 9, 2025, I contacted Aaron Smith by telephone to schedule an interview regarding the unauthorized transactions at Downstream Casino Resort on a debit card assigned to him as the board's treasurer belonging to the Miracle League of Joplin.

Aaron Smith stated he would check his calendar and return my call in a few minutes. I later learned Aaron Smith contacted an attorney. As of January 14, 2025, I have not heard from Aaron Smith or an attorney on his behalf.

**-END OF NARRATIVE-**

Investigator Beau T. Hamlin

Dated: January 14, 2025