

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, MERCER COUNTY, OHIO
CRIMINAL DIVISION

STATE OF OHIO,

CASE NO. 24-CRM-130

Plaintiff

VS.

RICHARD J. GARCIA-MEJIAS
915 South Street
Celina, OH 45822
DOB: 7/14/1979

COMPLAINT

Defendant.

Count One

Theft - F5

§2913.02(A)(3), 2913.02(B)(2)

Date of Offense

On or about December 12, 2024 through December 15, 2024

Complainant being duly sworn states that Richard J. Garcia-Mejias, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about December 12, 2024 through December 15, 2024, unlawfully

did with purpose to deprive the owner, Walmart Supercenter, of property or services, to wit: store merchandise, knowingly obtain or exert control over either the property or services by deception.

FURTHERMORE, the property or services stolen is valued at one thousand dollars or more and less than seven thousand five hundred dollars

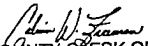
The offense is contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

MERCER COUNTY
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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Sgt. Colin Fuelling
Celina Police Department

Sworn before me by Sgt. Colin Fuelling, Celina Police Department, on this
day of 15th Dec, 2024.

Judge 

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AFFIDAVIT ON COMPLAINT
(O.R.C. 2935.09)

STATE OF OHIO, MERCER COUNTY, SS:

I, Sgt. Colin Fuelling, do hereby state that I am employed at the Celina Police Department. The following did occur:

On December 15, 2024 at approximately 1:37 P/M, I was made aware of a theft in progress at Victim # 1, located at 1950 Havemann Road. As I was responding, the Asset Protection Manager called me and told me that they had a second theft in progress. He was going to direct his attention to that male. A second Asset Protection employee started following this person through the store. They knew this male because he had committed push out thefts on previous dates and the Manager had sent me a photo of him.

When I arrived, the AP Manager pointed out the suspect vehicle, which was still in the parking lot. I ran the registration on the vehicle, and it came back to a person that lives at 915 South Street, Celina, Ohio.

The Manager told me that this male would select items and place them into plastic bags, that he brought into the store. He would then walk out with the items, passing all points of sale without paying.

I was told the male was on the pharmacy side of the store preparing to exit. I saw the male outside, by the parking spaces pushing the cart. He matched the clothing description I was given and matched the picture I had been sent previously.


I contacted the male and he said that he didn't understand English. I used a translating device to communicate with him. Through that, he acknowledged he was stealing from the store. We went back inside the Loss Prevention Office.

Once inside, I read him Miranda. He identified himself as Richard Garcia-Mejias and provided me a Venezuelan identification card. He said that he resides at 915 South Street, Celina, Ohio. We located a female employee that could help translate. Victim # 1 had three previous thefts that Garcia-Mejias was a suspect in. Garcia-Mejia confessed to those.


The store merchandise that was stolen today had a total value of \$617.35. There were two thefts on December 12, 2024. One loss was \$226.80. The other was \$113.69. On December 13, 2024, Garcia-Mejias committed a theft with a value of \$232.15. The total value of all the store merchandise stolen was \$1,189.99.

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Ptl. Miller transported Garcia-Mejias to the Mercer County Detention facility.


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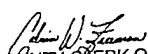
Sworn to before me by Sgt. Colin Fuelling, Celina Police Department on December 16, 2024.


JUDGE/Clerk/Notary Public

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