

INFORMATION

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Disposition date
Agency number N620

Police Case number CFS#22-00037409	Agency name Connecticut State Police - CDMCS - Troop I
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Title, Allegation and Counts

State of Connecticut vs. (Name of accused) O'Connell, Ryan, R.	Residence (Town) of accused	Docket number
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Address	Date of birth 03/10/1981	The undersigned Prosecuting Authority of the Superior Court of the State of Connecticut charges that:
To be held at (Town) Norwich	Geographical area number 21	

Count One — Did commit the offense of:
Larceny In The Third Degree

At (Town) Norwich	On or about (Date) 03/22/2019 to 12/27/2021	In violation of General Statute number 53a-124	Continued to	Purpose	Reason
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Count Two — Did commit the offense of:

At (Town)	On or about (Date)	In violation of General Statute number	Continued to	Purpose	Reason
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Count Three — Did commit the offense of:

At (Town)	On or about (Date)	In violation of General Statute number	Continued to	Purpose	Reason
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<input type="checkbox"/> See other sheet for additional counts	Date 2-6-2024	Signed (Prosecuting Authority) <i>Kevin Lawler</i> Kevin Lawler DCSA
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Court Action

Defendant advised of rights before plea	Bond	Surety	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 % Election (Date)
(Judge) (Date)			<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> JY

<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Public defender <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian	Bond change	Seized property inventory number
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Count	Plea date	Plea	Plea withdrawn		Verdict finding	Fine	Remit	Additional disposition
			Date	New plea				
1						\$	\$	
2						\$	\$	
3						\$	\$	

Date	Other Court Action	Judge

Receipt number	Cost <input type="checkbox"/> IMP <input type="checkbox"/> NCI	Bond information <input type="checkbox"/> Bond forfeited <input type="checkbox"/> Forfeiture vacated <input type="checkbox"/> Forfeiture vacated and bond reinstated
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Application fee - receipt number if paid	Circle one W I Q	Program fee - receipt number if paid	Circle one W I Q	Probation fee - receipt number if paid	Circle one W I Q
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Prosecutor on original disposition	Reporter/monitor on original disposition	Signed (Clerk)	Signed (Judge)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Application For Arrest Warrant

To: A Judge of the Superior Court

The undersigned hereby applies for a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused on the basis of the facts set forth in the: Affidavit Below, Affidavit(s) Attached.

Date 2-06-2024	Signed (Prosecuting authority) <i>[Signature]</i>	Type/print name of prosecuting authority Kevin D. Lawlor DCSA
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Affidavit

The undersigned affiant, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That this affiant, Detective Michael Moricoli #577, has been a sworn member of the Connecticut State Police since May 2008 and is presently assigned to the Central District Major Crime Squad (CDMCS) at Troop I in Bethany, CT, and at all times mentioned herein was acting in his official capacity as such member of said department. This affiant has received training pertaining to Connecticut criminal laws and motor vehicle laws. The facts and circumstances contained herein are the results of the affiant's own investigation and the investigative efforts of other members of the Connecticut State Police. The following facts and circumstances are stated from personal knowledge, observation, and investigative efforts, as well as credible witnesses and information received from other said witnesses.
2. That on January 14, 2022, at approximately 1349 hours, Central District Major Crime Squad Sergeant Ralph Soda #217 assigned a larceny of funds complaint from the Norwich Police Benevolent Association Post 2, located at Norwich Police Department at 70 Thames Street in Norwich, CT, to this affiant. Sergeant Soda instructed this affiant to contact Chief Inspector Frederick Haddad of the Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Chief State's Attorney, for details on the larceny complaint.
3. That on January 17, 2022, at approximately 1129 hours, this affiant spoke with Chief Inspector Haddad about the complaint. Chief Inspector Haddad stated the following: On Friday, January 14, 2022, Norwich Police Chief Patrick Daly notified New London State's Attorney Paul Narducci regarding a theft of Norwich Police Department Police Benevolent Association (PBA) funds by Norwich Police Officer, Ryan O'Connell (D.O.B. 03/10/1981). He stated State's Attorney Narducci contacted Deputy Chief State's Attorney Kevin Lawlor of the Office of the Chief State's Attorney and requested the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, with the assistance of the Connecticut State Police Central District Major Crime Squad, to assume command over the investigation. The request to assume command over the investigation was to eliminate any potential investigative and prosecutorial conflict, as O'Connell is

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Finding

The foregoing Application for an arrest warrant, and affidavit(s) attached to said Application, having been submitted to and considered by the undersigned, the undersigned finds from said affidavit(s) that there is probable cause to believe that an offense has been committed and that the accused committed it and, therefore, that probable cause exists for the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused.

Date and Signature NORWICH	Signed at (City or town)	On (Date) 2-7-24	Signed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee) <i>[Signature]</i>	Name of Judge/Judge Trial Referee ARTHUR C. HADDEN
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associated with a state employee in the New London Judicial District.

4. That Chief Inspector Haddad contacted Chief Daly, and Daly provided him with a brief summary of what had taken place. Chief Daly stated that the police officer involved, Ryan O'Connell, was an Executive Board Member in the PBA at the time of the theft and held the position of President. He stated O'Connell was alleged to have stolen between \$3,000 and \$5,000 from the Norwich PBA for personal use, which was revealed in December 2021, when PBA Executive Board members discovered financial discrepancies during routine PBA business. Since that time, O'Connell resigned from the PBA and was currently working as a Community Resource Officer within the Patrol Division. Chief Daly had secured the source documents and did not initiate an internal investigation to avoid any potential interference with the criminal component of this complaint. Chief Daly stated he would not be the person who would be the actual complainant in this larceny complaint. He stated Norwich Police Sergeant Christopher Chastang, the Vice President of the Norwich PBA, would be the complainant on behalf of the PBA's Executive Board Members and provide this affiant with a written statement. On January 24, 2022, at approximately 1431 hours, this affiant spoke with Norwich Police Chief Patrick Daly about the Norwich Police Benevolent Association Post 2 larceny complaint. Chief Daly provided this affiant with the above details regarding the larceny complaint involving O'Connell.

5. That on January 25, 2022, at approximately 1003 hours, this affiant received an email from Chief Daly that contained copies of the letter that Sergeant Chastang had written to Deputy Chief Corey Poore regarding the larceny complaint and O'Connell's resignation from his position as Norwich PBA President. The letter was dated January 11, 2022, and stated the following:

On or about December 20, 2021, Sergeant Chastang was informed that the Norwich Police Benevolent Association Post 2 (PBA) had low funds. The PBA was currently made up of active Norwich Police Officers and Supervisors. The PBA was overseen by President Ryan O'Connell, with executive board members assisting in the following roles: Vice President (Christopher Chastang), Secretary (John Perry), Treasurer (Scott Dupointe), and Executive Board Member Thomas Lazzaro. Those positions were selected by vote, which took place sometime in 2015.

The PBA generally provided funds for meals for those officers working during the holidays, including Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sergeant Chastang was advised that those meals may not be provided due to insufficient funds. Upon learning this, Sergeant Chastang requested the PBA's bank statements for 2021 from President O'Connell and requested a meeting on December 22, 2021, at the Norwich Police Department with O'Connell and the PBA's Executive Board Members.

On December 22, 2021, a meeting occurred with O'Connell and the PBA's Executive Board Members, where President O'Connell failed to provide the bank statements. President O'Connell stated he

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believed he had the bank statements but failed to bring them to the meeting. The meeting was postponed pending receipt of the transactions. On December 23, 2021, Sergeant Chastang located the bank statements and emailed them to the Executive Board Members. While conducting a review of transactions, it appeared several transactions had no legitimate business purpose regarding the PBA, and those transactions appeared personal.

On December 29, 2021, Sergeant Chastang went to the [REDACTED] branch in Plainfield, Connecticut, to obtain a more detailed transaction history for 2021 and 2020. He met with the bank manager, who was able to provide transaction history from September 2020 through December 29, 2021. Those transactions were reviewed, and a second meeting was held with President O'Connell and Executive Board Members on January 4, 2022. During the meeting, the transaction history was reviewed with Executive Board Members, and President O'Connell admitted to using the account on occasion for personal reasons. Their initial estimated value was determined to be in excess of \$1,000.00.

On January 4, 2022, President O'Connell provided Sergeant Chastang with the PBA debit card and resigned from his PBA position on January 6, 2022.

6. That on April 22, 2022, at approximately 1114 hours, this affiant emailed Sergeant Christopher Chastang confirming that he obtained the bank statements for the Norwich PBA checking account from 2015 to January 2022 and requested additional information. Sergeant Chastang was requested by this affiant to go through the bank statements and identify the transactions that seemed questionable and/or appeared to be a misappropriation of funds by the suspect, O'Connell. Sergeant Chastang was also requested to make a list of suspicious deposits/cash receipts. Sergeant Chastang was requested to provide a list of each of these transactions that included the date, the party that was paid, the amount paid, and a description of the deposit/disbursement. Chastang was also requested to provide the PBA's documents/financial records that included checkbook registers for cash receipts and cash disbursements for the checking account for the period being investigated for the above bank statements from 2015 to January 2022, credit card statements, if applicable, from 2015 to January 2022, and the tax returns for the PBA from 2015 to January 2022, to include copies of the entire tax returns for each year since 2015, and the accountant's trial balance reports, general ledger reports, and journal entries from 2015 to January 2022.

7. That on May 18, 2022, at approximately 1535 hours, this affiant arrived at the Norwich Police Department and met with the following members of the Norwich Police Department: Sergeant Chastang, Captain James Veiga, Lieutenant John Perry, Lieutenant Thomas Lazzaro, and Deputy Chief Corey Poore. These Norwich police officers discussed the allegations of Officer Ryan O'Connell's personal transactions with this affiant, including the letter written by Sergeant Chastang and sent to

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Deputy Poore on January 11, 2022.

8. That on May 18, 2022, Sergeant Chastang stated to this affiant that he was the Vice President of the Norwich PBA and represented the entire Norwich PBA Executive Board regarding this matter. Sergeant Chastang provided this affiant with some of the PBA's financial documents, including copies of the PBA's [REDACTED] checking account [REDACTED] from October 31, 2015 to December 31, 2021, some of the PBA's checkbook registers, PBA's [REDACTED] checking's transaction register from September 20, 2017 to December 28, 2021, and a report of the Norwich PBA suspicious transactions activity for Ryan O'Connell classifying the transactions into four categories. These categories comprised restaurants or bars with possible Norwich PD/PBA purposes, event or event-related purchases with PD/PBA purposes, purchasing items for charity, and unclassified transactions deemed O'Connell's personal expenses.

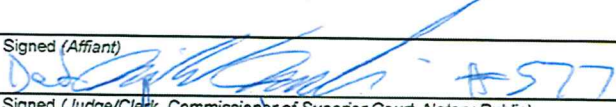
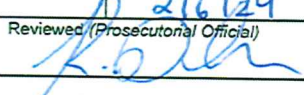
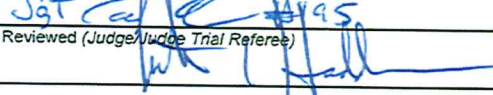
9. That on May 18, 2022, Sergeant Chastang stated to this affiant there was a check from [REDACTED] payable to the Norwich Police Department in the amount of \$13,315.82 that was erroneously deposited into the Norwich PBA's checking account on June 3, 2021. These funds were later paid back to the Norwich PD with a PBA check (check number [REDACTED] written on December 3, 2021, which cleared the PBA's checking account on December 21, 2021. After this check cleared, it created a very low balance of \$1,425.03, which prevented the PBA from being able to pay for holiday meals for Norwich police officers in December 2021. Chastang stated this was how O'Connell's suspicious activity was discovered. Sergeant Chastang stated there wasn't a credit card for the Norwich PBA. The PBA had one debit card assigned to and used by the President of the PBA, Ryan O'Connell.

10. That between May 18, 2022, and September 11, 2022, Sergeant Chastang and this affiant corresponded to discuss and analyze O'Connell's legitimate and suspicious transactions.

11. That on June 8, 2022, at approximately 1200 hours, this affiant received a package from [REDACTED] C.P.A. that contained the following Norwich PBA documents: the Federal 990 tax returns, general ledgers, and adjusting journal entries for the periods ended May 31, 2015 through May 31, 2020. These documents were seized as evidence. [REDACTED] stated his office was working on the May 31, 2021, year-end and didn't have this information available. This affiant reviewed these financial documents and prepared internal financial reports, including a comparative balance sheet and income statement for the periods ending May 31, 2015, through May 31, 2020. This detective later presented these internal financial reports to Sergeant Chastang and [REDACTED] for analysis purposes, pointing out the variances between cash, revenue, and expense accounts.

12. That on November 11, 2022, at approximately 1100 hours, this affiant arrived at the Norwich

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Police Department at 70 Thames Street, Norwich, CT, and met with Sergeant Chastang to further discuss Ryan O'Connell's personal transactions. This affiant presented internal financial reports to Sergeant Chastang for analysis purposes to point out the variances between cash, revenue, and expense accounts. These reports reflected the Norwich PBA's year-end periods on May 31, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020. One of the items that these reports showed was that there was a high balance in Miscellaneous Expenses for the year-end period on May 31, 2018. The PBA's accountant still had to record the financial activity and prepare the tax returns for the years ended on May 31, 2021, and 2022, which were not included in the internal financial reports. These reports were later presented to the PBA's accountant, [REDACTED] on May 24, 2023. Additional transactions had to be investigated/reviewed by Sergeant Chastang, and then O'Connell's personal transactions would be finalized.

13. That on May 3, 2023, at approximately 1020 hours, this affiant arrived at the Norwich Police Department, located at 70 Thames Street in Norwich, CT, to meet with the complainant, Sergeant Chastang, with the Norwich Police Department. This affiant requested that Sergeant Chastang provide him with a sworn written statement about the details that were discussed regarding the larceny involving Norwich Police Officer Ryan O'Connell. The interview was conducted inside an office at the Norwich Police Department. During the course of Chastang's sworn written statement, he stated the following: Chastang swore to the letter dated January 11, 2022, that he sent to Norwich Deputy Chief Corey Poore. During his meeting with the PBA's Executive Members on January 4, 2022, O'Connell admitted to using the PBA's [REDACTED] checking bankcard to make personal purchases between September 2020 and December 2021, with an estimated amount of approximately \$1,966.48. This affiant provided Chastang with an analysis of the PBA's petty cash fund, which had a balance of \$2,200.00 on May 31, 2017, on the PBA's general ledger. This balance was later reclassified to an expense account on the general ledger because the petty cash fund had a zero balance at the end of the fiscal year on May 31, 2018. Chastang stated he was unaware the PBA had a petty cash fund. On November 30, 2022, Chastang and the PBA's Executive Members identified O'Connell's personal expenses between 2017 and 2021, which totaled \$6,687.84.

14. That on May 24, 2023, at approximately 1040 hours, this affiant arrived at the office of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and met with [REDACTED] and his staff accountant [REDACTED]. This affiant presented the petty cash analysis and internal financial reports, which included a comparative balance sheet and income statement for the periods ended May 31, 2015, through May 31, 2020. The accountants stated the petty cash fund was reported to have a zero balance at the year-end of May 31, 2018, and the balance of \$2,200.00 was reclassified to an expense account. The accountants stated that after May 31, 2018, the PBA didn't maintain a petty cash fund. This affiant noted to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that the PBA's miscellaneous expenses were very high for the year ended May 31, 2018, compared to other years. The accountants stated this expense account

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included expenses for members' benefits, fundraiser expenses, and other expenses. The accountants stated they didn't receive the account coding and descriptions for many of the expenses from the PBA, so they classified them as miscellaneous expenses because they were pressed for time to complete the income tax returns. They stated the fundraiser expenses for the year ended May 31, 2018, were very low compared to other years, which supported some of these expenses being classified as miscellaneous.

15. That on June 30, 2023, at approximately 1233 hours, this affiant emailed Attorney Robert Britt, who was representing the suspect, Ryan O'Connell, in the Norwich PBA larceny investigation. This affiant attached a pdf file to the email that contained a list of transactions in the amount of \$6,867.84 that represented the transactions made by O'Connell, which were deemed suspicious by the Norwich PBA Executive Members. The list also included transactions deemed possibly/unsure if used for a PBA purpose in the amount of \$9,041.70. All of these transactions totaled \$15,909.54.

16. That on August 4, 2023, at approximately 1514 hours, this affiant received an email from Attorney Britt with two attached pdf files containing a list of O'Connell's suspicious transactions with explanations for each transaction. This affiant later reviewed O'Connell's explanations for these transactions and observed that several transactions on this affiant's list were not included and explained on O'Connell's list. O'Connell felt his explanations accounted for \$14,339.11 of legitimate explanations versus the questionable transactions totaling \$15,909.54, for which this affiant requested him to provide explanations.

17. That on August 31, 2023, at approximately 2321 hours, this affiant emailed Christopher Chastang of the Norwich PBA the list of O'Connell's suspicious transactions with O'Connell's explanations for each of the transactions, along with the suspicious transactions that O'Connell did not address in the email from his attorney, Robert Britt, on August 4, 2023. This affiant requested Chastang and the other PBA Executive Members review O'Connell's explanations and state whether the transactions were legitimate PBA disbursements.

18. That on September 22, 2023, at approximately 1428 hours, Chastang emailed this affiant a copy of Ryan O'Connell's suspicious transactions report with O'Connell's explanations for each of the transactions that included notes and comments about O'Connell's transactions from the Norwich PBA Executive Members. This affiant reviewed the notes and comments of this report and summarized these transactions. Some of O'Connell's suspicious transactions summarized from the PBA's report consisted of the following:

- There were sixty-two (62) transactions between September 20, 2017, and November 11, 2021, that O'Connell had stated he may have reimbursed the PBA, but this affiant and Chastang could not

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identify in the PBA's bank statements as being reimbursed. The amount of these transactions totaled \$2,172.07. O'Connell did not provide dates of when he may have reimbursed the PBA for these personal transactions.

- There were twenty-one (21) transactions between April 27, 2020, and December 27, 2021, for which the PBA paid a monthly fee of \$12.99 to Amazon (Amazon Prime), which amounted to \$272.79. O'Connell stated in his explanations that the Norwich PBA had an Amazon Account.

- There were six (6) transactions that O'Connell didn't provide an explanation for that totaled \$330.21, which were from Starbucks, Pure Hockey in Rhode Island, Walmart in Rhode Island, CVS, Jack's Brick Oven Pizza, and 7-Eleven in Franklin.

- There were two (2) transactions, on September 20, 2021, and November 8, 2021, that the PBA paid to AT&T IVR that amounted to \$277.31. O'Connell's explanations for these transactions stated, "Unsure, but this may have been a purchase for the Norwich Police Union, which is separate from the PBA." The PBA Executive Members noted that the Norwich Police Union's cell phone provider was Verizon and not AT&T. This affiant observed [REDACTED] that O'Connell's cell phone provider for his cell phone number [REDACTED] on January 26, 2022, was AT&T Wireless - New Cingular PCS, LLC.

- The PBA Executive Members noted that on March 15, 2021, O'Connell spent \$1,651.88 at Prime in Norwich, CT. O'Connell explained that this transaction was for Norwich [REDACTED] retirement dinner, which forty to fifty Norwich police officers attended. The \$1,651.88 spent on March 15, 2021, was comprised of two separate transactions of \$951.88 and \$700.00, respectively. The PBA Executive Members noted that [REDACTED] denied that amount was ever spent on the party.

- On August 30, 2021, O'Connell withdrew \$500.00 in cash from the PBA's checking account, initially noted, to purchase a new grill for the PBA. O'Connell's explanation stated this wasn't for a new grill but was paid to the office where the PBA did their Community Off the Cuff podcast. O'Connell stated the PBA's Executive Members were aware of this, but the PBA Executive Members noted they weren't. O'Connell did not pay for this transaction with a PBA check. O'Connell stated he reimbursed the PBA for this transaction because the PBA executive members told him to do so. The PBA Executive Members noted O'Connell never explained to them that this payment was for the podcast and that they had never heard about or seen any of these reimbursement payments from O'Connell.

19. That on October 20, 2023, at approximately 1015 hours, this affiant arrived at the Norwich Police Department at 70 Thames Street, Norwich, CT, and met with Christopher Chastang. This affiant received copies of additional bank deposit slips from [REDACTED] office, who is the accountant for the Norwich PBA, on October 18, 2023. Chastang and this affiant reviewed the copies of bank deposit

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slips provided by the accountant and copies of the bank statements for the PBA to match O'Connell's transactions that he noted he paid back to the PBA. Chastang and this affiant reviewed these documents and identified one transaction on December 20, 2021, from Shell Oil in Woodbury, CT, for \$6.81, which matched a deposit made on December 20, 2021, for \$6.81. At this meeting, it was determined by Sergeant Chastang and this affiant that the total amount of O'Connell's personal transactions, which were not reimbursed and stolen from the PBA, amounted to \$3,556.70. Of this amount, \$3,168.92 of his personal transactions occurred between March 22, 2019, and December 27, 2021, within the five-year felony statute of limitations period.

20. That on October 20, 2023, at approximately 1528 hours, this affiant sent Attorney Britt an email with an attached pdf file containing the report with O'Connell's explanations for the suspicious transactions, which was attached to Attorney Britt's email dated August 4, 2023. This affiant highlighted items on this report that required additional information. This affiant requested O'Connell to provide this affiant with dates and proof of documentation, such as a cancelled check, of when he reimbursed the PBA for the personal transactions he had classified as "Paid back?." This affiant requested that O'Connell provide this affiant with the PBA's Amazon Prime statements from April 2020 to December 2021 since he noted that this account was set up by him and paid for by the PBA. This affiant also requested information for the transactions that O'Connell didn't provide an explanation for.

21. That on November 8, 2023, at approximately 1331 hours, this affiant spoke via phone with Attorney Britt, and he stated his client, O'Connell, didn't have any proof or documentation that he reimbursed the PBA for the items he classified as "Paid back?" (personal transactions).

22. That on November 20, 2023, at approximately 1551 hours, Attorney Britt sent an email to this affiant that stated O'Connell didn't have any records of the PBA's Amazon account. Attorney Britt attached to the email records of O'Connell's personal Amazon account that provided payment dates and amounts but didn't provide details of his purchases. Attorney Britt stated O'Connell was willing to meet with investigators.

23. That this affiant contacted Attorney Britt on the following dates and times: On December 18, 2023, at approximately 0941 hours, this affiant called Attorney Britt and spoke with him, asking him to contact his client to schedule a date and time for both of them to meet with this affiant regarding O'Connell's personal transactions right after the holidays. Attorney Britt stated he would, but he never called this affiant back. On January 2, 2024, at approximately 1015 hours, this affiant sent Attorney Britt a text message that stated this affiant never heard back from him (regarding this affiant's December 18, 2023, call), and this affiant asked if O'Connell was willing to meet for an interview. This affiant never received a response from Attorney Britt.

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24. That based on Sergeant Chastang's and the other Norwich PBA Executive Committee Members' review of O'Connell's personal transactions, coupled with O'Connell's lack of proof of reimbursing the PBA for his personal transactions, it was determined by the PBA Executive Committee Members that O'Connell committed ninety-two (92) fraudulent transactions totaling \$3,168.92 between March 22, 2019, and December 27, 2021.

25. That the amount determined to have been stolen by O'Connell from the Norwich PBA within the five-year felony statute of limitations period between March 22, 2019, and December 27, 2023, was \$3,168.92. The following list is a breakdown of O'Connell's fraudulent transactions between March 22, 2019, and December 27, 2021:

Transaction Number	Transaction Date	Transaction Amount	Merchant & Location
1	3/22/2019	\$15.22	McDonald's, Norwich, CT
2	3/25/2019	2.13	Dunkin Donuts, Montville, CT
3	3/25/2019	15.37	Tullis Family Restaurant, Norwich, CT
4	3/27/2019	10.43	Loris Deli and Bakeshop, Norwich, CT
5	3/29/2019	15.37	Tullis Family Restaurant, Norwich, CT
6	4/3/2019	5.00	CVS, Norwich, CT
7	4/5/2019	5.85	Jacks Brick Oven Pizza, Norwich, CT
8	4/5/2019	8.57	Voc's Westside, Norwich, CT
9	4/12/2019	7.53	Voc's Westside, Norwich, CT
10	5/30/2019	9.47	Starbucks, Norwich, CT
11	5/30/2019	6.46	Dunkin Donuts, Norwich, CT
12	5/30/2019	15.07	Illianos, Waterford, CT
13	6/3/2019	6.74	Voc's Westside, Norwich, CT
14	6/3/2019	26.55	Doubletree Boston, MA
15	6/6/2019	9.08	Voc's Westside, Norwich, CT
16	6/12/2019	20.95	Valentinos Restaurant, Ledyard, CT
17	6/13/2019	115.74	Enterprise Rental Car, Norwich, CT
18	6/14/2019	242.25	Aroogas Bar and Grill, Uncasville, CT
19	6/17/2019	7.90	Enterprise Rental Car, Norwich, CT
20	6/20/2019	6.89	Bakers Dozen, Norwich, CT
21	6/20/2019	8.27	Dairy Queen, Norwich, CT
22	6/24/2019	15.00	Exxon Mobil, Taftville, CT
23	6/24/2019	7.44	Voc's Westside, Norwich, CT
24	6/24/2019	6.57	Dunkin Donuts, Norwich, CT
25	6/24/2019	25.50	USPS, Norwich, CT
26	6/25/2019	5.19	Dunkin Donuts, Norwich, CT
27	6/25/2019	13.25	CT Tigers Baseball, Norwich, CT
28	6/26/2019	13.24	Jacks Brick Oven Pizza, Norwich, CT

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29	7/10/2019	8.80	Dunkin Donuts, Norwich, CT
30	7/11/2019	9.04	Jacks Brick Oven Pizza, Norwich, CT
31	7/11/2019	6.47	Dunkin Donuts, Norwich, CT
32	8/14/2019	10.62	Best Way Citgo, Preston, CT
33	8/14/2019	9.68	Starbucks, Norwich, CT
34	8/27/2019	11.64	Voc's Westside, Norwich, CT
35	3/16/2020	7.62	Starbucks, Norwich, CT
36	3/16/2020	24.55	Wal-Mart, Norwich, CT
37	3/16/2020	8.51	Voc's Westside, Norwich, CT
38	3/16/2020	33.68	Village Pizza, Preston, CT
39	3/16/2020	6.10	Bakers Dozen, Norwich, CT
40	3/17/2020	7.51	Starbucks, Norwich, CT
41	4/27/2020	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
42	4/30/2020	112.70	Tullis Family Restaurant, Norwich, CT
43	5/15/2020	34.95	Voc's Westside, Norwich, CT
44	5/26/2020	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
45	6/25/2020	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
46	7/7/2020	268.78	Dicks Sporting Goods, Lisbon, CT
47	7/27/2020	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
48	8/25/2020	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
49	9/25/2020	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
50	9/28/2020	23.63	7-Eleven, Franklin, CT
51	10/13/2020	11.46	Dunkin Donuts, Norwich, CT
52	10/26/2020	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
53	11/4/2020	27.63	Kenny P's II Wine, Norwich, CT
54	11/5/2020	8.09	Dunkin Donuts, Norwich, CT
55	11/23/2020	32.24	Chinese King Wah, Norwich, CT
56	11/25/2020	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
57	12/23/2020	7.49	Old Navy, Mashuntucket, CT
58	12/28/2020	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
59	1/25/2021	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
60	1/25/2021	7.94	Starbucks, Norwich, CT
61	2/10/2021	3.24	Lowes, Lisbon, CT
62	2/25/2021	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
63	3/1/2021	15.16	Cumberland Farms, Shelton, CT
64	3/9/2021	7.80	Dunkin Donuts, Preston, CT
65	3/10/2021	4.27	Dunkin Donuts, Norwich, CT
66	3/19/2021	44.39	Tullis Family Restaurant, Norwich, CT
67	3/25/2021	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
68	3/29/2021	11.24	Voc's Westside Pizza, Norwich, CT
69	3/30/2021	8.27	Starbucks, Norwich, CT
70	3/31/2021	23.40	[Redacted] Bozrah, CT

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71	4/15/2021	2.75	Dairy Queen, Norwich, CT
72	4/15/2021	30.01	Cumberland Farms, Norwich, CT
73	4/26/2021	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
74	5/25/2021	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
75	6/21/2021	33.28	Exxon Mobil, Norwich, CT
76	6/22/2021	7.11	Dunkin Donuts, Westerly, CT
77	6/25/2021	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
78	7/26/2021	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
79	8/16/2021	476.10	Fairfield Inn and Suites, Uncasville, CT
80	8/25/2021	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
81	8/30/2021	500.00	Cash W/D for Community Off The Cut podcast
82	9/16/2021	6.42	Bakers Dozen, Norwich, CT
83	9/20/2021	164.46	AT&T IVR
84	9/21/2021	20.00	USA Petro, Preston, CT
85	9/21/2021	20.00	Pequot Outpost, Mashantucket, CT
86	9/24/2021	49.21	Exxon Mobil, Norwich, CT
87	9/27/2021	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
88	10/25/2021	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
89	11/8/2021	112.85	AT&T IVR
90	11/11/2021	30.01	Pride Stores, Simsbury, CT
91	11/26/2021	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington
92	12/27/2021	12.99	Amazon Prime, Washington

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26. That based on facts and circumstances of this investigation, this affiant believes there is probable cause to show that Ryan O'Connell (DOB 03/10/1981) did in fact, violate the following Connecticut General Statute: CGS 53a-124, Larceny In The Third Degree (1 count), for the theft of ninety-two (92) fraudulent transactions from the Norwich PBA for \$3,168.92 that occurred between March 22, 2019, and December 27, 2021.

27. That this application has not been presented to any other judge or court.

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