

State of Wisconsin

Circuit Court

Richland County

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Plaintiff,

-vs-

Theresa Sue Strub  
333 S. Ash Street  
Lone Rock, WI 53556  
DOB: 12/11/1984  
Defendant.

DA Case No.: 2014RI000208

Assigned DA/ADA: Jennifer Harper

Agency Case No.: R14-0498

Court Case No.: UCF08 CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
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Criminal Complaint

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RICHLAND COUNTY, WI  
CASE NO. UCF08

Complainant, having been sworn, states:

**Count 1: THEFT - FALSE REPRESENTATION - PARTY TO THE CRIME:** On and after June 10, 2013, in Richland County, Wisconsin, the defendant, as a party to the crime, did obtain vouchers with a value less than \$2500 from G.R.A.C.E., by intentionally deceiving them with a false representation which she knew to be false, made with intent to defraud and which defrauded the persons, contrary to sec. 943.20(1)(d)&(3)(a) and 939.05 Wis. Stats., a Class A Misdemeanor, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than nine (9) months in the Richland County Jail, or both.

**Count 2: IDENTITY THEFT - FINANCIAL GAIN - PARTY TO THE CRIME:** On and after March 07, 2014, in Richland County, Wisconsin, the defendant, as a party to the crime, did use personal identifying information of Dr. Sharon Weber to obtain something of value without Dr. Weber's authorization or consent by representing that she was acting with the authorization of Dr. Weber, contrary to sec. 943.201(2)(a) and 939.05 Wis. Stats., a Class H Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than six (6) years, or both.

**Count 3: THEFT - FALSE REPRESENTATION - PARTY TO THE CRIME:** On and about October 20, 2013, in Richland County, Wisconsin, the defendant, as a party to the crime, did obtain \$1750 from Heart to Heart, by intentionally deceiving them with a false representation which she knew to be false, made with intent to defraud and which defrauded the persons, contrary to sec. 943.20(1)(d)&(3)(a) and 939.05 Wis. Stats., a Class A Misdemeanor, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than none (9) months in the Richland County Jail, or both.

**Count 4: THEFT - FALSE REPRESENTATION (> \$2500) - PARTY TO THE CRIME:** During December, 2013, in Richland County, Wisconsin, the defendant, as a party to the crime, did obtain more than \$2500 from Schreiber Foods and their employees, by intentionally deceiving them with a false representation which she knew to be false, made with intent to defraud and which defrauded them, contrary to sec. 943.20(1)(d)&(3)(bf) and 939.05 Wis. Stats., a Class I Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than three (3) years and six (6) months, or both.

PROBABLE CAUSE: I am a law enforcement officer and sign this Criminal Complaint on information and belief.

Richland County Lieutenant Dan Krueger reports the following: On February 18, 2014, he received a tip that Theresa Strub was fundraising to assist with payment for cancer treatment, and that she did not have cancer. He went onto Facebook and found Theresa Strub. Strub posted about her illness. Her  
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Facebook page was linked to [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com). He went to that website and found that Strub was using that site trying to raise \$5000 to help with medical costs. On that site, Strub reports that she was diagnosed with stage 2 stomach and kidney cancer. She claims to be undergoing oral chemotherapy and receiving injections and radiation therapy. She has a quote on the site from Dr. Weber from UW Hospital, whom Strub identifies as one of her physicians. Strub also posted three photographs/images which Strub identifies as hers. The first is a photo of a kidney, marked up with "L Kidney 53.6 failed". That photo also has Theresa Strub's name and "2014, 18 2" and "UW Health and Hospital" on it. The second picture is apparently a picture of a stomach. The third picture is an Ultrasound scan showing liver and right kidney. There are no markings on the second or third pictures.

Lt. Krueger further reports the following: He was able to locate the same photos which Theresa Strub posted as showing her cancer on other sites. He located the photo of the stomach (the second photo) was posted on Wikipedia and indicates it was taken in 1999. He located the scan of the liver and kidney (the third photo) at [www.ultrasoundimages.com](http://www.ultrasoundimages.com).

Lt. Krueger further reports the following: On March 10, 2014, he made contact with Theresa Strub at her residence at 333 South Ash Street, Lone Rock, Richland County, Wisconsin. He saw that Strub's hair, although cut short, appeared healthy. Strub advised that she has lived at that location with her husband, Jeremy, her daughter and her step son for the past three years. Lt. Krueger told Strub why he was there. Strub told him the following: She does have stomach and kidney cancer. She had been treated at Richland Hospital for some time, and they kept ignoring her problems. Finally, in 2013, they found that she had cancer. She then went to River Valley Clinic and finally to UW Hospital in Madison for treatment. Her doctor is Doctor Sharon Weber. Lt. Krueger had a printout from UW Hospital showing Dr. Sharon Weber. He showed the printout to Strub. Strub confirmed that was the same Sharon Weber who was her Doctor. Strub said she was on oral chemotherapy, had ports in her arm and was undergoing radiation therapy. She received up to 14 injections per week. Only 40% of her radiation therapy was covered by insurance. Every time she went to the hospital or to see a doctor, it cost a \$140 co-pay.

Lt. Krueger further reports the following: During his March 10, 2014, interview of Theresa Strub, he showed her the three images he had downloaded from her [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com) website. The images were labeled 1, 2 and 3. Strub told him that all three images were taken at the same time, on February 18, 2014, at UW Hospital in Madison. Strub identified image one as an image of her left kidney which was 53.6% failed. She told him that her right kidney was totally non-functioning. Strub identified image two as an image of her stomach. Strub identified image 3 as an ultrasound of her liver. She has not had any images taken since February 18, 2014. Strub signed medical releases for Richland Hospital and UW Hospital and Clinics.

Lt. Krueger further reports the following: He went to Richland Hospital and asked for Theresa Strub's medical records, giving them a copy of Strub's signed medical release form. He also contacted UW Hospital and requested medical records for Theresa Strub from January 1, 2013, through March 15, 2014, including all medical imaging records. He faxed them a copy of Strub's signed medical release form. On March 19, 2014, he received a faxed response from UW Hospital indicating that they could not comply with his request as they had no records of treatment of Theresa Strub after 2009.

Lt. Krueger further reports the following: On March 20, 2014, he and Richland County Lieutenant Bob Frank went to UW Hospital. There, they spoke to Dawn Fish, Dr. Sharon Weber's assistant. She told them that Theresa Strub was a phantom to them. They did not know her and had no information on her. Lt. Krueger showed Dawn Fish the information found on Strub's web site. Fish left and returned after speaking with Dr. Weber. Dawn Fish reported that Dr. Weber had told her that Theresa

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Strub was not her patient, that the quote attributed to Dr. Weber was not made by Dr. Weber, and that Dr. Weber did not know Theresa Strub.

Lt. Krueger further reports the following: On March 28, 2014, he received medical records from Richland Hospital and Clinic. Included was a record of a visit by Strub on April 24, 2013. Strub was suffering shortness of breath and went to the Richland Hospital emergency room. Strub herself did not mention having cancer to the treating ER physician. Instead there is a note that “. . . the patient apparently has also recently been diagnosed with stomach cancer which she did not tell us personally but was told to us by her mother when she arrived.” There is also a note from Dr. Albert Alter indicating that, in viewing x-rays taken on April 14, 2013, what is seen of the stomach appears normal. Lab reports from that date also showed white and red blood counts within normal levels.

Lt. Krueger further reports the following: On March 31, 2014, he spoke to Marge, from the Walk with GRACE (Greater Richland Area Cancer Elimination) Foundation, located in Richland County, Wisconsin. Marge told him that Theresa Strub had applied for assistance from GRACE on June 10, 2013. Included in the application is a letter purportedly signed by Dr. Sharon Weber on June 2, 2013, verifying that she is treating Theresa Strub for cancer. Based on Strub's application and the verification from Dr. Weber that she had cancer, GRACE assisted Strub with payments for gas, food and mortgage totaling approximately \$2300.

Lt. Krueger further reports the following: On April 14, 2014, he spoke to Teresa Goplin, a member of the Board of Directors for G.R.A.C.E.. Goplin told him the following: In June, 2013, she received a call from Tina Kanable. Kanable told her about her daughter, Theresa Strub. Kanable asked how to get an application for G.R.A.C.E. for assistance from G.R.A.C.E.. Goplin instructed Kanable on how to pull up the forms from G.R.A.C.E.'s website. On June 10, 2013, Goplin stopped at Strub's residence in Lone Rock and Strub gave her the completed application for assistance. Strub gave her a diagnostic verification form purportedly signed by Dr. Sharon Weber. Strub had not signed the authorization for disclosure of health care information form. Strub advised that her attorney had advised her not to sign that form, so she provided a four page questionnaire filled out by her health care provider. That form was also purportedly signed by Dr. Sharon Weber. On the basis of that proof of her illness, G.R.A.C.E. approved Strub for assistance. G.R.A.C.E. does not give cash; they give vouchers. Strub was given vouchers for D&Z's Gas Station in Lone Rock, for Burnstad's Grocery and for Wal-Mart. G.R.A.C.E. also paid \$1200 to Chase Bank towards Strub's mortgage. In total, G.R.A.C.E. provided Strub with \$2345.77 in assistance. G.R.A.C.E. would not have provided assistance to Strub had they known she did not have cancer.

Lt. Krueger further reports the following: On April 2, 2014, he interviewed Dr. Sharon Weber. He showed Dr. Weber Theresa Strub's web page from [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com). Dr. Weber stated that she did not know Theresa Strub, and Theresa Strub was not her patient. Dr. Weber stated that she is a surgeon and not a primary care physician. She does surgery and then returns the patient to the primary care doctor. Saying that she was someone's cancer doctor would be incorrect.

Lt. Krueger further reports the following: On April 22, 2014, he spoke to Casey Stevenson by phone. She is the coordinator for the organization Heart to Heart, a charitable organization run through Sensy Products. Sensy Products sells home products like candles and perfumes; Theresa Strub sold such products. Heart to Heart received letters from Sheila Peters, Theresa Strub's team leader, and Brenda Strub, nominating Theresa Strub for assistance by Heart to Heart. On October 20, 2013, Heart to Heart sent a check to Theresa Strub at her home address in the amount of \$1750 to assist with medical expenses and/or family obligations. Heart to Heart would not have awarded that money to Strub had they known she did not have cancer.

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Lt. Krueger further reports the following: On April 23, 2014, he spoke to Joe Steinocher, plant manager of Schreiber Foods. Steinocher told him the following: Jeremy Strub works for Schreiber Foods in Richland Center, Richland County, Wisconsin. In October, 2013, employees at Schreiber Foods started raising money to help with the Theresa Strub cancer benefit. That project lasted until November, 2013. The employees raised approximately \$1540, and that sum was given to the Strubs in cash. Schreiber Foods matched the employees' contribution and direct deposited the matching funds into Theresa and Jeremy Strub's account. I have seen statements signed by Steinocher and by employees at Schreiber Foods that, had they known that Theresa Strub did not have cancer, they would not have contributed to her.

Sauk County Sheriff's Detective Clay Lins reports the following: On March 31, 2014, he was asked to assist with the Theresa Strub fraud investigation. He obtained and examined records from Theresa and Jeremy Strub's bank accounts and found the following:

**Theresa Strub Benefit Account at People's Community Bank:** The account was opened on May 13, 2013. Theresa Strub was not a signer on the account. Tina and Gregory Kanable, her parents, were the authorized signers. Between May 13, 2013, and March, 2014, \$39855.50 was deposited in the account. Over \$31,000 of that sum was subsequently transferred by check directly to Theresa Strub.

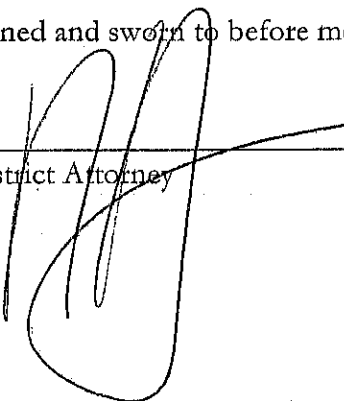
**"Kickin' it for T" Savings Account at Community First Bank:** The account was opened by Theresa Strub and Tina Kanable on June 3, 2013. It is listed with the bank as a "benefit account". Almost all of the deposits were small amounts of cash. A total of \$1713.51 was deposited. Subsequently, all the money from that account was deposited in Theresa and Jeremy Strub's checking account with Community First Bank.

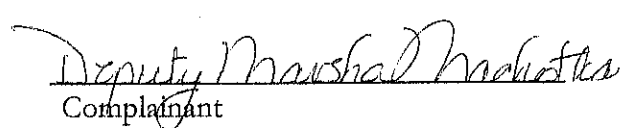
**Theresa and Jeremy Strub's Checking Account at Community First Bank:** In addition to the deposits from the above two accounts, there were deposits as follows: \$4000 from John Kaul; \$1750 from Heart to Heart, a charitable organization; \$961.80 from giveforward.com; Over \$9000 from Strub's parents and relatives; Over \$3000 being direct deposited from "Square" – Square is a device that attaches to a smart phone and is used to swipe/access credit cards; \$1540.01 in cash deposited on 12/13/13 which coincides with the amount raised by Jeremy's fellow employees at Schreiber Foods; The \$1540.01 match from Jeremy's employer, Schreiber Foods, direct deposited on 12/23/13; Over \$2000 from WePay a payment company that works with gofundme.com. Detective Lins also examined the Checking Account for moneys spent for medical care. He could not find any.

Detective Lins further reports the following: On March 28, 2014, he and other officers monitored a recorded meeting between Todd Miller of 4PeteSake IN Spring Green, Wisconsin, and Theresa Strub. Strub had applied for assistance from 4PeteSake alleging she needed the money for cancer treatments. During the interview, Strub told Miller the following: She was being treated for cancer at UW Hospital Carbone Cancer Center. Her family's mortgage, child support and vehicle insurance payments effectively take all of Jeremy's monthly income. Miller offered to contact UW Hospital to attempt to negotiate away some of Strub's medical debt, which she had listed in her application to 4PeteSake at \$200,000. Strub declined advising that she wanted to wait and see what Badger Care would pay first. Strub confirmed that Dr. Sharon Weber and Dr. Sam Lubner were the doctors treating her cancer.

I believe the statements of Dr. Sharon Weber, Casey Stevenson, Joe Steinocher, Schreiber Foods employees, Marge and Teresa Goplin to be truthful and reliable as they are statements by ordinary citizens. I know that Lt. Krueger and Detective Lins provided the above information in the ordinary course of their professional duties as law enforcement officers and, therefore, believe the above information to be accurate and reliable.

Signed and sworn to before me and approved for filing this 15<sup>th</sup> day of   , 2014.

  
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District Attorney

  
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Deputy Marshal  
Complainant