

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, Plaintiff.

vs.

CHRIS BECK, Defendant.

TYPE OF CASE

Criminal
Unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle
Receiving stolen property
Jury Trial
Circuit Court [State Court]

NATURE OF THE LEGAL CLAIMS

The prosecution has charged the Defendant with two offenses under the Michigan Penal Code. First, unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle; second receiving stolen property. The Defendant claims he did not take the vehicle, was not driving it, and is not guilty of either crime.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

A police officer says he saw a person dressed like defendant Beck, driving the stolen automobile and he saw defendant leaving the driver's door after the car crashed into a light pole. Tools necessary to break into and start the car were found in the car, near Beck's backpack. Beck says two others were in possession of the car when he accepted their offer of a ride, and that the two ran off after the crash. Beck has a witness who puts Beck elsewhere when the car was taken.

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