



# NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **Press Release Business Burglary Arrest and Investigation August 1st, 2018**

On Thursday, July 26th, 2018, Northfield officers responded to a report of a burglary at Elite Auto Care, in 500 block of Water Street South. Responding Officers gathered information and evidence from the victims. After reviewing the evidence and the business surveillance video, the suspect was identified as William Garcia Jones Jr.

On Friday, July 27, 2018, Northfield Police Department investigators executed a search warrant in the 900 block of Division Street. During the search of the residence, items of clothing and a checkbook from Elite Auto care was recovered

As a result of the search and investigation, William Garcia Jones Jr. was arrested and subsequently charged with 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Burglary.

This arrest and charging is an example of the excellent work performed by the Northfield Police Department Patrol Officers and Investigators.

If you have information related to this investigation, please call, text, or email us with information.

- Call Northfield Police at 507-645-4477.
- Contact Northfield Police via their website at <https://www.ci.northfield.mn.us/PublicLogin.aspx?txtRedirect=RequestTracker.aspx&strAction=Login&newURL=/forms.aspx?fid=105>
- Send an anonymous text "RICECO" to "TIP411"

State of Minnesota  
County of Rice

District Court  
3rd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0660043039  
Court File No. 66-CR-18-1780

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**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**WILLIAM GARCIA JONES JR DOB: 11/04/1981**

917 Division St S, #2  
Northfield, MN 55057

Defendant.

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The Complainant submits this complaint to the Court and states that there is probable cause to believe Defendant committed the following offense(s):

**COUNT I**

**Charge: Burglary-3rd Deg-Steal/Commit Felony or Gross Misd**

Minnesota Statute: 609.582.3, with reference to: 609.582.3

Maximum Sentence: 5 years and/or \$10,000 fine

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/26/2018

Control #(ICR#): 18001075

Charge Description: On or about July 26, 2018, in Rice County, Minnesota, William Garcia Jones Jr., the defendant, did enter a building without consent and with intent to steal or commit any felony or gross misdemeanor while in the building, or did enter a building without consent and stole or committed a felony or gross misdemeanor while in the building, either directly or as an accomplice, to wit: Elite Auto Care.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

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Complainant and/or Signing Officer designated below, declares under penalty of perjury, that he/she has reviewed police reports relating to the above-named Defendant and the allegations contained herein, and/or has spoken with peace officers having knowledge of the incident, and based upon that information, believes the following to be true and correct.

On July 26, 2018, at about 6:56 a.m., Northfield Police Officers were dispatched to Elite Auto Care, 517 Water Street South, Northfield, Rice County, Minnesota, on a report a burglary. Officer Houts arrived on the scene and spoke to CH. CH is a co-owner of the business. CH made the following report:

He arrived at the business at about 6:45 a.m. He thought the door seemed to be unlocked. He recalled locking the door the previous evening. He went to the office area and saw his cap on the floor. The cap was always left on the counter the previous evening.

He reviewed the surveillance video. He saw an unknown individual enter the east door at about 2:54 a.m. The individual left the business and returned at about 2:58 a.m. When the individual returned to the business, he entered the shop area and the office area. The male had a trimmed beard and was wearing a short sleeved t-shirt with what appeared to be a circular emblem on the front, long shorts, dark colored socks and slide-type sandals.

The surveillance video shows the male walk up to a pick-up truck in the shop area. The male opened the passenger door and was observed leaning into the door for some time and then walked back towards the entry door. He returned to the pick-up truck and shut the door. The male then walked back out of the east business door. When the male returned to the business the second time, he was observed looking inside a second vehicle. The male then went to the office area. The male grabbed some items from the counter and put them into his pants pocket. The male attempted to open the cash drawer, but was unable to make entry after dropping and misplacing the key.

Officer Houts also spoke to CB. CB co-owns the business with CH. CB provided the following information:

A business checkbook was taken from the business. The check book had only two or three checks left in it. A work shirt was also taken from the business. The shirt had "Elite Auto Care" and "Charles" embroidered on it. The items had been on the front counter in the office area.

During the course of the investigation, Northfield Police Officers Jandro and Carlson reviewed the surveillance images of the suspect. The officers believed the male is WILLIAM GARCIA JONES, Jr., date of birth 11/4/1981, the defendant herein. Officer Houts obtained a recent booking photograph of the defendant. Officer Houts noted that the male in the surveillance video appeared to match the defendant.

Northfield Police Officers Kohn and Feldhake informed Officer Houts that they had recent contact (July 27, 2018, at about 3:20 a.m.) with the defendant. The officers observed that the defendant's clothing, including the sandals, appeared to be similar to the clothing and shoes worn by the male in the surveillance video. The defendant declined to speak to the officers without an attorney.

On July 27, 2018, a search warrant was obtained and executed at the defendant's residence located in Northfield, Rice County, Minnesota. During the execution of the search warrant, police officers seized the following items:

- T-shirt that appeared to match the t-shirt observed in the surveillance video;
- Slide-type sandals; and,
- The Elite Auto Care checkbook.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 609.49., intentional failure to appear for duly scheduled court appearances may result in additional criminal charges, and in addition to any arrest warrant that may otherwise be issued by the Court.

## SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS

Complainant requests that Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release, be:  
(1) arrested or that other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court; or  
(2) detained, if already in custody, pending further proceedings; and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.

Complainant declares under penalty of perjury that everything stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116; Minn. R. Crim. P. 2.01, subds. 1, 2.

**Complainant**

Paul Haider III  
Sergeant  
1615 Riverview Drive  
Northfield, MN 55057  
Badge: 6406

Electronically Signed:  
07/30/2018 09:47 AM  
Rice County, MN

Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Thao N. Trinh  
Assistant Rice County Attorney  
218 NW 3rd Street  
Faribault, MN 55021  
(507) 332-6103

Electronically Signed:  
07/30/2018 09:18 AM

**FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

From the above sworn facts, and any supporting affidavits or supplemental sworn testimony, I, the Issuing Officer, have determined that probable cause exists to support, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable, Defendant's arrest or other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court, or Defendant's detention, if already in custody, pending further proceedings. Defendant is therefore charged with the above-stated offense(s).

**SUMMONS**

THEREFORE YOU, THE DEFENDANT, ARE SUMMONED to appear on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM before the above-named court at 218 NW 3rd Street, Faribault, MN 55021 to answer this complaint.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR in response to this SUMMONS, a WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST shall be issued.

**WARRANT**

To the Sheriff of the above-named county; or other person authorized to execute this warrant: I order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the Defendant be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the court (if in session), and if not, before a Judge or Judicial Officer of such court without unnecessary delay, and in any event not later than 36 hours after the arrest or as soon as such Judge or Judicial Officer is available to be dealt with according to law.

*Execute in MN Only*

*Execute Nationwide*

*Execute in Border States*

**ORDER OF DETENTION**

Since the Defendant is already in custody, I order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the Defendant continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

Bail: \$  
Conditions of Release:

This complaint, duly subscribed and sworn to or signed under penalty of perjury, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer as of the following date: July 30, 2018.

**Judicial Officer**

Jeffrey Johnson

Electronically Signed: 07/30/2018 10:35 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

**COUNTY OF RICE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**William Garcia Jones Jr**

Defendant

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE**  
*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Order of Detention upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

## DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

**Name:** William Garcia Jones Jr  
**DOB:** 11/04/1981  
**Address:** 917 Division St S, #2  
Northfield, MN 55057

**Alias Names/DOB:** William Garcia Stone DOB:  
Brandon Lee Jones DOB:

**SID:** MN00406628

**Height:**  
**Weight:** 210lbs.  
**Eye Color:**  
**Hair Color:**

**Gender:** MALE  
**Race:** Black  
**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes  
**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** Yes  
**Driver's License #:** Q457132257216 (MN)  
**Alcohol Concentration:**

## STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

<b>Cnt Nbr</b>	<b>Statute Type</b>	<b>Offense Date(s)</b>	<b>Statute Nbrs and Descriptions</b>	<b>Offense Level</b>	<b>MOC</b>	<b>GOC</b>	<b>Controlling Agencies</b>	<b>Case Numbers</b>
1	Charge	7/26/2018	609.582.3 Burglary-3rd Deg-Steal/Commit Felony or Gross Misd	Felony	B3894		MN0660200	18001075
	Penalty	7/26/2018	609.582.3 Burglary-3rd Deg-Steal/Commit Felony or Gross Misd	Felony	B3894		MN0660200	18001075