

No. 46632-5-II

COURT OF APPEALS, DIVISION II
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Respondent,

vs.

Anthony Tolman,

Appellant.

Pierce County Superior Court

Cause No. 14-1-02363-6

The Honorable Judge K.A. van Doorninck

Appellant's Supplemental Brief

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SUPPLEMENTAL ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

The Information failed to allege that Mr. Tolman “withheld or appropriated” a stolen vehicle.

SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUE

Under *State v. Satterthwaite*, an Information charging a violation of RCW 9A.56 must allege that a person “withheld or appropriated” the property at issue. This was not alleged and cannot be inferred by a fair construction of the Amended Information. Must the conviction be reversed for a constitutionally deficient charging document? *State v. Satterthwaite*, COA No. 45732-6-II, -- Wn. App. --, -- P.3d -- (March 10, 2015).

SUPPLEMENTAL FACTS AND PRIOR PROCEEDINGS

The state charged Anthony Tolman with Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, specifying:

That [defendant] in the State of Washington, on or about the 17th day of June 2014, did unlawfully and feloniously knowingly possess a stolen motor vehicle, knowing it had been stolen, contrary to RCW 9A.56.068 and 9A.56.140, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Washington.
CP 9.

ARGUMENT

I. THE INFORMATION FAILED TO ALLEGE THAT MR. TOLMAN “WITHHELD OR APPROPRIATED” THE VEHICLE, SO *STATE V. SATTERTHWAITE* REQUIRES REVERSAL.

The Court of Appeals recently decided *State v. Satterthwaite*. *State v. Satterthwaite*, COA No. 45732-6-II, -- Wn. App. --, -- P.3d – (March 10, 2015). In that case, the court reversed the defendant’s conviction for a charge of possession of a stolen motor vehicle. *Id.*

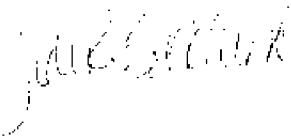
Satterthwaite involved a deficiency in the charging language. The charge did not allege that the defendant “withheld or appropriated” the vehicle. *Id.* The charge against Mr. Tolman suffers from the same deficiency.¹ CP 9.

¹ Mr. Tolman did not object to the deficiency in the trial court. However, this doesn’t change the analysis: even construing the document liberally, the necessary elements do not appear in any form, nor can they be found by any fair construction. *Satterthwaite*.

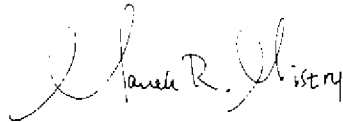
Because “withhold or appropriate” is an essential element of the charge, and because it is not found in the Information, the conviction for Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Vehicle must be reversed. Id.

Respectfully submitted on March 24, 2015.

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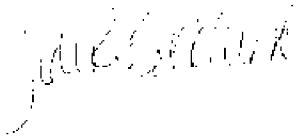
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