



TETON COUNTY OFFICE OF THE  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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## **Defendant Ordered to Pay Back Over \$4k for Grand Theft from Grandmother**

Today, Defendant David Hicks was ordered by District Judge Stephen Boyce to pay restitution to his grandmother, Ms. Betty Swords-Frizel, in the amount of \$4,623.

Defendant Hicks was sentenced by District Judge Stephen Boyce on a grand theft charge filed in June 2019. The State alleged in the Second Amended Criminal Information that Mr. Hicks, from approximately December 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019, in Teton County Idaho, wrongfully took money in an amount over one-thousand dollars from Ms. Swords-Frizel, with the intent to deprive her of that money. In a prior filing, the State alleged that Ms. Swords-Frizel was a vulnerable adult and that Mr. Hicks took advantage of her.<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Hicks plead guilty to the grand theft charge on October 6, 2020. At that hearing, he admitted to taking money in excess of \$1,000 from his elderly grandmother that he “did not have permission to take” and that he intended to keep the money. However, Ms. Hicks disputed the amount of money that he stole. Teton County Prosecuting Attorney Bailey Smith filed a motion for restitution, and subsequently obtained the Defendant’s stipulation to reimburse Ms. Swords-Frizel in the amount of \$4,623. As part of Mr. Hick’s sentence, Judge Boyce ordered that Mr. Hicks make monthly restitution payments to Ms. Swords-Frizel, and that failure to do so would result in imposition of his suspended sentence.

### **Links:**

Judge Boyce’s restitution order can be found [here](#).

The Second Amended Criminal Complaint can be found [here](#).

Case information and documents regarding Mr. Hicks’s grand theft case, CR41-19-0610, can be found on the iCourt Portal [here](#).

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<sup>1</sup> As the term “alleged” implies, the entirety of the Criminal Complaint and Criminal Information, and the description of these documents as set forth herein, constitute only allegations, and every fact described should be treated as an allegation. The charges are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.