

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-15-1816
07-CR-15-5330

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TROY DOUGLAS MEYERS DOB: 01/28/1963

305 Rogers Rd
Waterville, MN 56096

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

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: Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety

Minnesota Statute: 171.24.5

Maximum Sentence: 1 year and/or \$3,000

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 12/23/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15003107

Charge Description: Troy Douglas Meyers

On or about December 23, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Troy Douglas Meyers did after being given notice, or reasonably should have known of the cancellation, disobeyed the order by operating in this state any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, while her/his license or privilege was cancelled; and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has determined that the operation of a motor vehicle on the highways by the person would be inimical to the public safety or welfare.

COUNT II

Charge: Motor Vehicle Registration - Intent to Escape Tax

Minnesota Statute: 168.35

Maximum Sentence: 1 year and/or \$3,000

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 12/23/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15003107

Charge Description: Troy Douglas Meyers

On or about December 23, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Troy Douglas Meyers did with intent to escape payment of any tax on a motor vehicle, delayed or neglected to properly list and apply to register the same, or with intent to prevent the payment or collection of the proper tax, fee, or lien thereon, violated or neglected to comply with any of the provisions of MN Statute Section 168.

COUNT III

Charge: Traffic - Open bottle law; Possession; crime described

Minnesota Statute: 169A.35.3

Maximum Sentence: 90 days and/or \$1,000

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 12/23/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15003107

Charge Description: Troy Douglas Meyers

On or about December 23, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Troy Douglas Meyers did have in his/her possession, while in a private motor vehicle upon a street or highway, any bottle or receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage, distilled spirit or 3.2 percent malt liquor that has been opened, or the seal broken, or the contents of which have been partially removed.

COUNT IV

Charge: Traffic Regulation-Uninsured Vehicle-Owner Violation

Minnesota Statute: 169.797.2

Maximum Sentence: 90 days and/or \$1,000

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 12/23/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15003107

Charge Description: Troy Douglas Meyers

On or about December 23, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Troy Douglas Meyers did, as an owner of a vehicle with respect to which security is required under sections 65B.41 to 65B.71, operated the vehicle or permitted it to be operated upon a public highway, street, or road in this state and knows or has reason to know that the vehicle does not have security complying with the terms of section 65B.48 and operates a vehicle without insurance, fail to produce, upon demand of a peace officer, proof of insurance in force at the time of the demand covering the vehicle being operated.

COUNT V

Charge: Traffic Regulation - Vehicle Registration/Permit/Plates Required

Minnesota Statute: 169.79.1

Maximum Sentence: \$300

Offense Level: Petty Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 12/23/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15003107

Charge Description: Troy Douglas Meyers

On or about December 23, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Troy Douglas Meyers did operate, drive, or park a motor vehicle on any highway while the vehicle was not registered in accordance

with the laws of this state.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On December 23, 2015, at approximately 4:36 p.m., Officer Jeff Marx of the Madison Lake Police Department was patrolling southbound on First Street in the City of Madison Lake and observed a black, older-style SUV pass him, going northbound. Officer Marx performed a random license plate check on the above plates and observed that the registration had expired as of November 2015. At this time, Officer Marx turned around on the vehicle to catch up and make a traffic stop.

Officer Marx was able to catch up to the vehicle and verify the plate he had run earlier was the same vehicle. He stopped the vehicle just to the north of Duck Lake Avenue on County Road 26 and First Street. At this time, he also noticed that the vehicle did have a red 2016 registration sticker located on the rear plate. Officer Marx approached the vehicle and made contact with the driver and requested his license and proof of insurance. The male handed Officer Marx a yellow carbon copy of his license renewal form and a yellow carbon copy of his written test. He did not produce any proof of insurance. After observing that the vehicle was registered to a different party than the current driver, Officer Marx requested to see a title transfer. The driver was identified through his paperwork as Troy Douglas Meyers. Meyers informed Officer Marx that he did not have the title transfer but that he bought the vehicle from a female.

At this time, Officer Marx observed a large blue can with a label 'Bud Light' on it located on the floorboard, within reach of the driver. Officer Marx asked Meyers if the can was full and not opened, and Meyers then reached over and grabbed the can and handed it to Officer Marx, telling him that it had just been opened and he had a couple of drinks out of it. Officer Marx took the can and set it on top of Meyers' vehicle and asked how much Meyers had to drink. Meyers indicated just a few sips of beer and nothing else. Officer Marx requested that Meyers provide a preliminary breath test to see what his alcohol content was at. Officer Marx went to the rear of the vehicle to run the 2016 registration sticker numbers with Dispatch and also to run Meyers through Dispatch by his name and date of birth.

After a few seconds, Dispatch advised that Meyers' driver's license status was canceled inimical to public safety and that the 2016 registration sticker came back belonging to a different vehicle and plates. The registration sticker came back to Adult1 and was supposed to be on a 2005 Mercury Mariner. After obtaining this information, Officer Marx approached the vehicle again and verified the sticker numbers and they were correct. He also went to the front of the vehicle to check for a 2016 registration sticker and did not observe one on the front of the vehicle.

At this point, Officer Marx observed Meyers exit the vehicle and had him perform standard field sobriety testing. Meyers adequately performed standard field sobriety testing, including horizontal gaze nystagmus. Meyers provided a preliminary breath test which yielded a 0.013 result. Meyers was taken into custody for driving after cancellation inimical to public safety. Officer Marx took the 25-ounce Bud Light can of beer that had been on top of the vehicle and observed that it was approximately three-quarters full. He disposed of the liquid in front of his squad camera and took the can into evidence.

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

Jeff Marx
Police Officer
525 Main St
Madison Lake, MN 56063
Badge: 4772

Electronically Signed:
12/30/2015 03:35 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Stefanie Menning
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
12/28/2015 10:49 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 401 Carver Rd, Mankato, MN 56002-0347 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.

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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: December 31, 2015.

Judicial Officer

Bradley C Walker
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 12/31/2015 07:40 AM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

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vs.

TROY DOUGLAS MEYERS

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: