

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

MAN-16-0647
07-CR-16-3354

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RONNIE CHRISTIAN LARSON DOB: 09/25/1991

45 Country Manor
Eagle Lake, MN 56024

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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 - Careless Driving

Minnesota Statute: 169.13.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/15/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16017714

Charge Description: Said Defendant, Ronnie Christian Larson, did operate or halt any vehicle upon any street or highway carelessly and heedlessly in disregard of the rights of others or in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger any property or any person, including the driver or passengers of the vehicle.

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic Collision - Failure to Notify Owner of Damaged Property

Minnesota Statute: 169.09.5, with reference to: 169.09.14(c)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days and/or \$1000

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/15/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16017714

Charge Description: Said Defendant, Ronnie Christian Larson, did collide with and damage a fixture legally upon or adjacent to a highway, failed to take reasonable steps to locate and notify the owner or person in charge of such property of such fact and of the driver's name and address and of the registration number of the vehicle being driven and make a report to the commissioner of public safety within ten days and upon request, and if available, exhibit his/her driver's license.

COUNT III

Charge: Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Revocation

Minnesota Statute: 171.24.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/15/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16017714

Charge Description: Said Defendant, Ronnie Christian Larson, did after being give notice, or reasonably should have known of the revocation, 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in this state any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, while her/his license or privilege was revoked.

COUNT IV

Charge: Drugs - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Use or Possession Prohibited

Minnesota Statute: 152.092

Maximum Sentence: \$300

Offense Level: Petty Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/15/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16017714

Charge Description: Said Defendant, Ronnie Christian Larson, did knowingly or intentionally possess drug paraphernalia; to-wit: a smoking device.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Complainant is an Officer with the Mankato Police Department who believes the information set out below is true and accurate based on reports and information submitted to the Officer by Officer Courtney Walker and others identified herein.

On June 15, 2016, at approximately 8:38 p.m., Mankato Officers were dispatched to a driving complaint in the area of Stoltzman Road and South Riverfront Drive. Complainant advised dispatch that a gray Pontiac Grand Prix, bearing Minnesota license plates, struck a guardrail and was driving all over the road. Officer Walker, of the Mankato Police, responded to the call and spoke with the Complainant over the phone. Complainant stated that he observed the vehicle strike a guardrail on County Road 16, near County Road 90, in the County of Blue Earth, State of Minnesota. Complainant advised Officer Walker that the vehicle had obvious damage to the front bumper area of the vehicle and stated that the vehicle jumped into the air from contact with the guardrail. Officer Walker observed dull gray-color where the wheel of the vehicle made contact with the guardrail. Officer Walker located the suspect vehicle on the eastside of Stoltzman Road and south of West Pleasant Street, in the parking area of a local ice rink, in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, State of Minnesota.

Officer Walker made contact with the male driver of the suspect vehicle, later identified as Ronnie Christian Larson, the Defendant herein. Officer Walker noticed the Defendant's physical motions were lethargic. Defendant had extremely dilated pupils, glassy eyes, and slurred speech. There was a slight odor of consumed alcoholic beverage emitting from the Defendant's person. The Defendant stated he had not consumed alcohol. When asked if the Defendant had been driving, the Defendant did not respond at first. Defendant then claimed he was driving to his girlfriend's house in Madison Lake. When asked where he was coming from, the Defendant merely pointed toward Mankato West High School and stated, 'Over there.' Officer Walker asked the Defendant how his vehicle was damaged, and the Defendant stated that a dog was on his lap and he was unable to free his hands. Officer Walker observed that as he was speaking with the Defendant, the Defendant had an extreme difficulty balancing himself. When the Defendant did speak, it was very faint voiced and slurred. Based on these observations, Officer Walker asked the Defendant to perform field sobriety tests to which the Defendant consented.

The Defendant performed the horizontal gaze nystagmus, walk and turn, and one-legged stand test. Based on the extreme poor performance of the tests, Officer Walker asked the Defendant to submit to a portable breath test to which he consented. After being shown how to probably provide a sample, the Defendant used his tongue to block the end of the tube and did this several times. The Defendant blamed the tube and the machine's poor performance. Eventually, the Defendant provided a successful breath sample with the result of a .011 BAC.

Officer Hoppe, of Mankato Police, was present with Officer Walker. Officer Hoppe noticed the Defendant's speech and actions were clear signs of impairment. Officer Hoppe noted to Officer Walker that the Defendant could be identified as Ronnie Christian Larson due to Officer Hoppe's recent involvement with the Defendant, involving synthetic marijuana use. Officer Hopper spoke with the Defendant's probation agent and advised the probation agent of the situation. Officer Hoppe observed the field sobriety testing of the Defendant and noted that the Defendant was highly impaired.

As officers went to place the Defendant into custody, the Defendant pulled away from Officer Walker and officers placed the Defendant on the hood of the patrol vehicle to be handcuffed. As Officer Walker walked the Defendant to rear of the squad vehicle, the Defendant tossed a metal pipe commonly used for smoking illegal narcotics to the side of the road. Officer Hoppe picked up the pipe and advised that it smelled strongly of synthetic marijuana. A search warrant for a blood draw was later obtained and signed by The

Honorable Gregory Anderson. The blood warrant was subsequently signed and a blood draw was performed at MCHS. The Defendant was transported to the Blue Earth County Justice Center and charges were sent to the Blue Earth County Attorney's Office.

Review of the Defendant's criminal history indicates a previous Gross Misdemeanor DWI conviction on April 20, 2016 in Blue Earth County (File No. 07-CR-16-1613). As a result, on April 28, 2016 the Department of Vehicle Services revoked the Defendant's driver's license until April 27, 2018.

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

Daniel Schisel
Police Commander
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Mankato, MN 56001-3803
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Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

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