

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-15-1514
07-CR-15-5035

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NIKOLAI PAUL SAMPE DOB: 07/06/1991

404 Tanager Path
Mankato, MN 56001

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: Burglary-2nd Deg-Building-Possess Tool

Minnesota Statute: 609.582.2(a)(4)

Maximum Sentence: 10 years and/or \$20,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/23/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15013196

Charge Description: Nikolai Paul Sampe Also Known As Nik Paul Sampe

On or before October 23, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Nikolai Paul Sampe, did enter a building without consent and with intent to commit a crime, or entered a building without consent and committed a crime while in the building, either directly or as an accomplice and the burglar, when entering the building, possessed a tool to gain access to money or property.

COUNT II

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

Minnesota Statute: 609.582.3

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/23/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15013196

Charge Description: Nikolai Paul Sampe Also Known As Nik Paul Sampe

On or before October 23, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Nikolai Paul Sampe did enter a building without consent and with intent to steal or commit any felony or gross misdemeanor while in the

building, or entered a building without consent and steal or commits a felony or gross misdemeanor while in the building, either directly or as an accomplice.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 23, 2015 at approximately 2:37 a.m., Deputy Jeremy Brennan of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to Jamie's Pub at 215 Main Street in Pemberton, Blue Earth County. The alarm company had advised that a motion detector alarm was going off at the business. Upon arriving at the scene, Deputy Brennan noticed a five gallon pail upside down on the northeast side of the building and above the pail was an opening into the building where the air conditioner used to be. Deputy Brennan checked the doors and windows, all of which were secure.

Deputies secured the building and had the owner check the building to see if anything was missing. The owner stated that it did not appear that anything was missing or disturbed. The owner did state that the neighbors have a camera system pointing towards the alley and that he would contact them to see if the video captured anything.

On October 5, 2015 at approximately 9:17 p.m., Deputy Brian Martin of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the Windmill Bar and Grill at 13201 State Highway 22 in Blue Earth County on the report of a burglary. Upon arriving at the scene, Deputy Martin met with the business owner of the Windmill who stated that someone had broken into the bar and stolen a black cash drawer and a safe. The owner showed Deputy Martin where the cash drawer and safe had been located. It appeared to Deputy Martin that the suspect pried the safe up from the cabinet, as it was bolted or screwed to the bottom of the cabinet.

The owner stated that she was unsure how the suspect got into the business, as it appeared all the doors were still locked. The owner stated that they did find some pieces of drywall in the back of the kitchen area by the back door and also some pieces outside of the kitchen door. Deputy Martin observed footprints in the drywall dust. He also observed a hole in the wall above a commercial style refrigerator. The owner stated the hole was not there the previous evening. She also stated it appeared the refrigerator had been moved. Deputy Martin checked the rear of the building and observed there was a piece of plywood covering a square hole in the building. He observed that the plywood appeared to have been pulled away from the building. When he touched the plywood, it fell from the building. It appeared as though the cover had been previously pried from the building, as he observed fresh pry marks on the frame area of the opening. It appeared to him that someone pried the plywood off the opening and broke through the interior wall. They then stole the cash drawer and pried up the safe and left the same way they got in.

The owner stated there was video surveillance of the building and pulled it up on her phone. She was able to pull up a still photo of one person behind the bar, wearing a hoodie style sweatshirt with the hood pulled up. The owner stated that there was \$125.00 in the black cash drawer and that there was approximately \$2,345.00 cash in the safe.

On October 27, 2015, Detective Jerry Billiar of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office received information that a Martin County investigator had two people in custody that admitted their involvement in the burglary of Jamie's Pub in Pemberton, Blue Earth County. Detective Billiar drove to Martin County and made contact with Ashley Marie Rocheford, DOB 10-18-1994, and Nikolai Paul Sampe, DOB 7-6-1991.

Detective Billiar first read Rocheford her Miranda rights and she agreed to speak to him. Rocheford stated that she went to Jamie's Pub in Pemberton with her boyfriend, Sampe, on October 23, 2015. She stated she had been to the bar once before with a friend. She stated that upon arriving at the bar, she and Sampe walked behind the bar and Sampe pulled the air conditioner unit out. Rocheford stated that he was wearing a black hoodie with the hood up, black sweatpants, and some type of gloves. She stated she was wearing a black sweatshirt and black sweatpants with an F on the side. She stated that he pushed the air

conditioner out and used a bucket to stand on to gain access to the building through the air conditioner hole. Rocheford stated that she stayed outside the building. She stated that Sampe was inside the building for approximately three minutes but did not take any property. She said that he was looking for money and there was none in there so they did not take anything.

Detective Billiar then questioned Rocheford about the burglary on October 5 at the Windmill Bar and Grill in Blue Earth County. She initially stated that she did not break into the Windmill Bar. Detective Billiar showed her pictures of the bar and she then admitted that she and Sampe had burglarized the Windmill. Rocheford recalled that Sampe took a small, grayish-white safe but that they were never able to get into it, so the same night they threw it into the river under the Highway 169 bridge in Lehillier. Rocheford stated they did get a black box with over \$200.00 in it. She stated they used a crowbar and a hammer to pry the plywood off the covered window. She stated that she and Sampe were thinking of doing a burglary in St. Clair, but they did not because they did the burglary in Pemberton. Rocheford explained that they were both unemployed and that she was pregnant and they needed money to help pay the bills.

Next, Detective Billiar interviewed Sampe about the burglary that occurred at Jamie's Pub on October 23, 2015. Sampe was read his Miranda warning and agreed to speak to the officers. He admitted that he went to Jamie's Pub with his girlfriend, Rocheford, with the intent to take anything that was available, and their main intent was to take money. Sampe stated they got into Jamie's Pub by removing the window air conditioner. He stated they both pushed on it. He then entered the building through the air conditioner hole. He stated he was wearing a hooded sweatshirt and gloves. Sampe stated that he looked around the bar but there was nothing to take. Sampe stated that Rocheford did not go inside but stood there and watched and was going to alert him if needed.

Detective Billiar then showed Sampe photos of the Windmill Bar and Grill. Sampe stated that it looked familiar and that he thought he pried the plywood off with a hammer. He stated that Rocheford was also with him. He remembered breaking through some sheetrock and insulation and then stealing a black box with \$100.00 in it. He also remembered stealing a cash box. He stated they tossed the black box in a ditch on a gravel road somewhere between Pemberton and Mankato. Sampe stated they could not get into the small safe so they threw it in the river under the bridge by Lehillier. He admitted that if someone was observed on video breaking in, wearing a hoodie, it would be him on the video.

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

Richard Murry
Captain
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2708

Electronically Signed:
12/09/2015 10:06 AM
Blue Earth County, MN

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
12/07/2015 03:19 PM

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 **January 7, 2016 at 2:30 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 10, 2015.

Judicial Officer

Krista J Jass
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 12/10/2015 04:34 PM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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Plaintiff

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NIKOLAI PAUL SAMPE

Defendant

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

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: