

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.  
Court File No.

BEC-15-1651  
07-CR-15-5245

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**STEPHANIE ANN HUEPER DOB: 03/14/1980**

3200 Meadow View Lane  
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

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**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): 11/05/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15201911

Charge Description: Stephanie Ann Hueper Also Known As Stephanie Ann Melvin

On or about November 5, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Stephanie Ann Hueper did operate or halt any vehicle upon any street or highway carelessly or 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 regulation - failure to drive in single lane**

Minnesota Statute: 169.18.7(a), with reference to: 169.89.1(1)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 11/05/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15201911

Charge Description: Stephanie Ann Hueper Also Known As Stephanie Ann Melvin

On or about November 5, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Stephanie Ann Hueper did fail to drive a vehicle in the correct lane; and the violation was committed in a manner or under

circumstances so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On November 5, 2015, Minnesota State Patrol Trooper Froehlich responded to a two-vehicle crash with injuries on State Highway 68 near Blue Earth County Road 117 in South Bend Township in the County of Blue Earth. Upon arrival, Trooper Froehlich observed a Honda Odyssey minivan in the middle of the road with heavy front-end damage. Trooper Froehlich also saw a Honda CRV in the north ditch with heavy left-front damage.

Trooper Froehlich first spoke with a witness to the crash, M.H. M.H. stated that M.H. was traveling west on Highway 68 in the same direction as the Honda CRV and observed the Honda minivan traveling eastbound towards M.H. M.H. observed the minivan start to cross the center line and strike the vehicle behind M.H. M.H. turned around and returned to the crash scene to render aid. M.H. advised that the driver of the minivan, Stephannie Ann Hueper, D.O.B. 3-14-1980, stated she just "blacked out." M.H. assisted Hueper in removing the children that were in the minivan from the vehicle to a safe location off the roadway. Trooper Froehlich attempted to speak with Hueper, but she was being checked and eventually transported by Gold Cross Ambulance Service to MCHS in Mankato. Trooper Froehlich did not note any report or suspicion of chemical impairment of Hueper by himself or any other emergency personnel. Trooper Froehlich also noted that the children in the minivan had been properly restrained at the time of the crash.

The driver of the Honda CRV was identified as an adult male, C.N. Trooper Froehlich spoke with C.N. while C.N. was in the back of a Gold Cross ambulance. C.N. stated that C.N. was traveling west on Highway 68 and also observed the minivan traveling east towards C.N. as it crossed the center line of the road. C.N. said that there was a mailbox nearby, and C.N. thought the driver of the minivan was slowly crossing the road in an attempt to retrieve their mail. C.N. slowed, then quickly turned to the right when C.N. realized the minivan was not going to stop. C.N. sustained minor injuries as a result of the crash; however, his front right passenger sustained more severe injuries. The passenger was transported to the hospital for treatment. Trooper Froehlich observed both occupants in the CRV were properly restrained at the time of the crash. Trooper Froehlich also did not note any suspicion of chemical impairment on C.N.

Trooper Froehlich followed up with Hueper several days after the crash. Hueper said that she had gone to St. Mary's in Rochester for an evaluation as to what may have caused her to "black out." Hueper indicated that a possible heart condition was being checked on.

Trooper Froehlich determined that the primary cause of the crash was the Honda minivan driven by Hueper crossing the roadway center line and colliding head on into the Honda CRV.

## 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**

Dan Anderson  
State Trooper  
2171 Bassett Drive  
Mankato, MN 56001-6888  
Badge: 31

Electronically Signed:  
12/22/2015 04:26 PM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Ryan S. Hansch  
401 Carver Road  
PO Box 3129  
Mankato, MN 56002  
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:  
12/22/2015 03:07 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 14, 2016 at 8:15 AM** 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.

*Execute in MN Only*

*Execute Nationwide*

*Execute in Border States*

**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 23, 2015.

**Judicial Officer**

Bradley C Walker  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 12/23/2015 07:22 AM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**STEPHANIE ANN HUEPER**

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: