

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-16-1328-02
07-CR-16-3234

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NATASHA JEAN KNUTSON DOB: 12/11/1997

143 Lime Valley Road
Mankato, MN 56001

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: Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(1), with reference to: 152.025.4(b)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/15/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16001674

Charge Description: Natasha Jean Knutson

On or about August 15, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Natasha Jean Knutson did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except heroin or a small amount of marijuana and the person possessed more than one dosage unit if the substance is packed in dosage units.

COUNT II

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

Minnesota Statute: 152.092(a)

Maximum Sentence: \$300

Offense Level: Petty Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/15/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16001674

Charge Description: Natasha Jean Knutson

On or about August 15, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Natasha Jean Knutson did knowingly or intentionally possess drug paraphernalia; to wit: a smoking device

COUNT III

Charge: Drugs - Possess/Sale Small Amount of Marijuana - No Remuneration

Minnesota Statute: 152.027.4(a)

Maximum Sentence: \$300 fine

Offense Level: Petty Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/15/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16001674

Charge Description: Natasha Jean Knutson

On or about August 15, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Natasha Jean Knutson did unlawfully possess a small amount of marijuana.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 15, 2016, at approximately 9:29 p.m., Officer Marx of the Madison Lake Police Department was on duty in the area of Walnut Avenue and Fourth Street in the City of Madison Lake. Officer Marx observed a vehicle travel past Officer Marx traveling on Walnut Avenue. Officer Marx ran a plate check and received a response that the registered owner, Tyson Scott Huber (D.O.B. 05/22/1997), had a felony warrant for a probation violation. Officer Marx briefly lost sight of the vehicle; and after a few brief moments, was able to observe the vehicle parked at a gas station getting fuel. Officer Marx parked his patrol car in a location where he was able to observe the driver of the vehicle as the driver entered to the store. Officer Marx verified the driver was, in fact, Huber. Officer Marx saw Huber eventually exit the store and get into the driver's seat and proceed back onto Walnut Avenue. Officer Marx initiated a traffic stop with the vehicle.

Officer Marx approached the vehicle and positively identified Huber by a provisional driver's license. Officer Marx also observed a female in the passenger seat who was speaking to a conservation officer that had assisted Officer Marx with the stop. Officer Marx had Huber exit the vehicle. In doing so, Huber had to climb out of the driver's door window because the driver's door did not open. Officer Marx had Huber come back to the rear vehicle while Officer Marx confirmed the warrant. Officer Marx also observed that the female passenger, Natasha Jean Knutson (D.O.B. 12/11/1997), had exited the vehicle and was talking to the conservation officer. A Minnesota state trooper also arrived at the scene to assist with the stop. Once the warrant was confirmed, Huber was placed under arrest.

Officer Marx had Huber sit near the rear bumper of his vehicle while Huber was waiting for Huber's mother to come to the stop location. Officer Marx approached the driver's side of the suspect's vehicle; and after a brief search and not being able to open the driver's door, Officer Marx went around to the passenger side of the vehicle to continue his search. As Officer Marx stuck his head into the vehicle, Officer Marx could smell a faint smell of marijuana. Officer Marx observed a black leather purse underneath the passenger seat, so Officer Marx pulled it out from underneath the seat and set it down on the passenger seat. As Officer Marx did this, he noted the marijuana smell became stronger. At this time, Knutson stated that the purse belonged to Knutson; and Officer Marx asked Knutson if there was anything illegal in the purse. Knutson hesitated in answering. Officer Marx then told Knutson that Officer Marx could smell the odor of marijuana and asked Knutson how much marijuana was in the purse. Knutson again hesitated and did not really reply to the question. Officer Marx then opened the purse and observed a clear plastic baggy with a green leafy substance. Officer Marx also observed a strong odor of marijuana coming from the bag. Officer Marx located a scale in a clear plastic case with a green leafy substance inside the case along with another clear plastic baggy with four white oval pills that had the imprint of M365 on them. Additionally, Officer Marx found a Walgreen's prescription bottle with a small marijuana joint and a pink round pill with the imprint COR136 on it. Also located in the purse with a silver grinder with a green leafy substance inside, a multi-colored glass wipe with green leafy residue inside, and a copper-colored pipe with residue in it that smelled of marijuana.

Officer Marx identified the white pills as Acetaminophen/Hydrocodone and the pink pill as Amphetamine/Dextroamphetamine. Officer Marx noted that both the white and pink pills are Schedule II controlled substances. Officer Marx further noted that Knutson did not have a labeled prescription bottle or a prescription for the medications. Knutson was placed under arrest for controlled substance violations.

Officer Marx returned the vehicle and continued his search of the passenger area. In the glove box, Officer Marx located an unlabeled Wal-Mart prescription bottle with seven greenish-colored oval pills with Watson800 imprinted on them, one small oval-shaped pill with A imprinted on it, and one small white pill with IG243 imprinted on it. Officer Marx identified the green-colored pill as Hydroxyzine Pamoate, the small white pill was identified as Escitalopram Oxalate, and the small blue oval pill was identified as Sertraline

Hydrochloride. Officer Marx noted that each of these pills are only available through prescription and that the pills were not properly stored in a labeled container. Officer Marx also found another silver scale in the glove compartment as well as a greenish metal grinder with a green leafy substance inside and a large pink-and-green-colored pipe with a burnt residue in it that smelled of marijuana. Further search of the vehicle revealed a small black case with a 'Terminator' brand stun gun in it located on the center floorboard container easily accessible to the driver's seat. Knutson was transported to the Blue Earth County Jail. Huber was transported to the Le Sueur County Jail on his arrest warrant.

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 Bunde
Chief
525 Main St
Madison Lake, MN 56063
Badge: 4771

Electronically Signed:
08/16/2016 01:50 PM
Blue Earth County, mn

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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08/16/2016 01:36 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 _____, _____ 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: August 16, 2016.

Judicial Officer

Krista J Jass
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 08/16/2016 02:15 PM

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.

NATASHA JEAN KNUTSON

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: