

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.  
Court File No.

MAN-16-0793  
07-CR-16-4173

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**KAITLYN MARIE MASON DOB: 02/15/1998**

48 Cedar Street  
Easton, MN 56025

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): 09/16/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16027985

Charge Description: Said Defendant, Kaitlyn Marie Mason, 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 - Open bottle law; Liability of nonpresent owner; crime described**

Minnesota Statute: 169A.35.4

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/16/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16027985

Charge Description: Said Defendant, Kaitlyn Marie Mason, did have in 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 had been partially removed.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Drugs - Possess Over 1.4 Grams Marijuana In Motor Vehicle**

Minnesota Statute: 152.027.3  
Maximum Sentence: 90 days and/or \$1,000  
Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/16/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16027985

Charge Description: Said Defendant, Kaitlyn Marie Mason, did unlawfully possess a small amount of marijuana when that person was the owner of a private motor vehicle, or was the driver of the motor vehicle if the owner is not present, and possesses on the person, or knowingly keeps or allows to be kept within the area of the vehicle normally occupied by the driver or passengers, more than 1.4 grams of marijuana.

## 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 Jesse Gilbertson and others identified herein.

On September 16, 2016, at approximately 12:05 a.m., Officer Gilbertson of the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to a reported motor vehicle rollover on Third Avenue near Hubbard Feeds Inc. in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, State of Minnesota. Officer Gilbertson arrived in the area and located the suspect vehicle bearing Minnesota license plates. The suspect vehicle was a Maroon Ford Taurus located in the parking lot in front of Hubbard Feed. The vehicle's headlights were still on, and there was extensive damage to the vehicle. There was an unopened and also an opened can of Four Loco alcoholic beverage located in the front passenger floor. On the driver's side floor, there was a broken marijuana pipe. In the back seats, a paper copy of a driver's license with the name Kaitlyn Marie Mason, the Defendant herein, as the name on the driver's license.

Officer Gilbertson contacted Witness 1, the mother of the Defendant and owner of the vehicle. Witness 1 stated that the Defendant was in Mankato that evening for a concert and that the Defendant was going to the concert with a few friends but did not know who they were. Witness 1 provided Officer Gilbertson with the Defendant's cellphone number; but when Officer Gilbertson described the phone found in the vehicle, Witness 1 confirmed that that was most likely the Defendant's phone. Officer Stoltman of the Mankato Department of Public Safety photographed the scene and vehicle. Officer Stoltman also located a small container of marijuana inside the center console of the suspect vehicle. While attempting to locate the Defendant, Blue Earth County Dispatch received a call from a witness to the crash, Witness 2. Officer Gilbertson spoke to Witness 2, and Witness 2 stated that she was driving on Third Avenue and saw an accident occur in front of her. Specifically, Witness 2 stated as she crossed the railroad tracks, a small car drove at a high rate of speed past her. The vehicle then over-corrected for the turn and almost struck Witness 2's vehicle. The suspect vehicle rolled, and Witness 2 stopped to see if the people inside were okay. Witness 2 stated a female was driving the vehicle and a male was in the passenger seat. They appeared to be all right and asked Witness 2 for a ride to St. Peter. Witness 2 gave the female Defendant and the male passenger a ride to St. Peter. While driving to St. Peter, the female Defendant stated her name was 'Crystal.' Crystal called her mother from the man's phone. Witness 2 overheard the Defendant state that she was drinking and driving and was going to get in trouble. The Defendant and a male in the backseat stated they would tell the police that a friend borrowed the car and that they were not driving. Witness 2 stated that the Defendant had red hair, was Caucasian, thin, and short and was wearing a crop-top shirt with black stretch pants. Witness 2 provided a written/typed statement to Officer Gilbertson regarding the events of the evening.

After speaking with Witness 2, Officer Gilbertson contacted Witness 1 and stated that he knew Witness 1 spoke to the Defendant. Witness 1 admitted that the Defendant called her and told her about the accident but that she did not know where the Defendant was. Officer Gilbertson returned to the Public Safety Center and weighed the pill bottle with marijuana that was found. The weight of which was approximately 11 grams and was placed into evidence storage. The Defendant's phone was also placed into storage for safe-keeping.

Approximately two weeks prior to the date of incident, the Defendant pled guilty to underage consumption. Two days prior to the date of incident, the Defendant was charged with underage consumption, Case #07-VB-16-3984 and #07-VB-16-4743.

## 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**

Deborah McDermott  
Detective Commander  
710 S Front St  
Mankato, MN 56001-3803  
Badge: 3143

Electronically Signed:  
10/24/2016 08:33 AM  
Blue Earth County, mn

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Nicholas Boulieris  
Assistant County Attorney  
401 Carver Road  
PO Box 3129  
Mankato, MN 56002-3129  
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:  
10/24/2016 08:13 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 **November 17, 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: October 24, 2016.

**Judicial Officer**

Kurt D Johnson  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/24/2016 08:45 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.

**KAITLYN MARIE MASON**

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: