

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-16-0065
07-CR-16-297

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTOPHER JOEL BRASE DOB: 03/18/1995

409 Central Ave S
Mapleton, MN 56065

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 - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.26.2

Maximum Sentence: 1 year and/or \$3,000

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 12/12/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15016521

Charge Description: Christopher Joel Brase

On or about December 12, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Christopher Joel Brase did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed.

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(5), with reference to: 169A.26.2

Maximum Sentence: 1 year and/or \$3,000

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 12/12/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15016521

Charge Description: Christopher Joel Brase

On or about December 12, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Christopher Joel Brase did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when his/her alcohol concentration at the time, or as measured within two hours of the time, of driving, operating or being in physical control of the

motor vehicle was 0.08 or more, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Deputy Tom Coulter, a licensed peace officer in the State of Minnesota, currently employed by the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office, reports that on December 12, 2015, at approximately 12:44 a.m., Deputy Chris Welle responded to a motor vehicle crash with injuries at Blue Earth County Road 7 just south of County Road 191. Upon arrival, Mapleton Officer Laramy Lawson was on scene and advised that the driver was being extricated from the vehicle by Mapleton Fire Department.

Coulter reports he was working a Towards Zero Deaths (TZD) shift focusing on impaired driving enforcement. Shortly after arriving on scene, Welle advised Coulter that the driver had admitted to being drunk to the first responders on scene. Welle further advised that the driver was being transported by Minnesota Lake Ambulance to the Mayo Clinic Health System Mankato Emergency Room for an evaluation of injuries sustained in the crash.

Coulter reports he responded to Mayo Clinic Health System and arrived at 1:18 a.m., and made contact with Lieutenant Barta. Lieutenant Barta then assisted with obtaining a search warrant to collect a blood or urine sample from the driver now identified as Christopher Joel Brase.

Coulter notes that at 2:12 a.m., Lieutenant Barta advised that the warrant had been signed by The Honorable Krista J. Jass and could be executed. Coulter reports that at 2:15 a.m. he executed the warrant and obtained a blood sample from Brase. The blood sample was then sent to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for analysis.

Coulter notes while in the emergency room waiting for the search warrant to be signed, he monitored Brase's behavior with ER staff. Brase was abusive with staff, being cocky and insulting at times. Brase had slurred speech and repeated questions many times. Brase also admitted to ER staff in Coulter's presence to driving the motor vehicle involved in the crash. Brase further stated that he remembered going off of the road, into a field, then observed a field approach and thought 'oh shit' and then struck the field approach. Brase further stated he remembered the vehicle rolling, but didn't know how many times. Coulter also observed Brase state he couldn't remember if he had a seatbelt on. Coulter also notes that Brase admitted that he was 'pretty drunk' and unable to remember how much he drank.

Coulter reports that on January 8, 2016, he received the BCA lab report on the examination of the blood taken pursuant to the search warrant.

Coulter indicates the BCA report indicated a test result of 0.190 grams per 100 ml of blood.

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:
01/25/2016 01:18 PM
Blue Earth County, MN

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
01/25/2016 12:42 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 **February 18, 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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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: January 25, 2016.

Judicial Officer Krista J Jass
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 01/25/2016 01:36 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.

CHRISTOPHER JOEL BRASE

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: