

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.  
Court File No.

BEC-16-0025  
07-CR-16-281

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**CRISTA MARIE JOHNSON DOB: 11/05/1985**

212 Janjo Dr.  
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Summons

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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: Financial Transaction Card Fraud-Use-No Consent**

Minnesota Statute: 609.821.2(1), with reference to: 609.821.3(a)(1)(iii)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/12/2015 to 12/06/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15038739

Charge Description: Crista Marie Johnson

On or between November 12, 2015 and December 6, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Crista Marie Johnson did without the consent of the cardholder and knowing that the cardholder has not given consent, used or attempted to use a card to obtain the property of another and the aggregate amount of the transactions was more than \$250.00 but less than \$2,500.00.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Check Forgery-Falsely Endorse**

Minnesota Statute: 609.631.2(2), with reference to: 609.631.4(4)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 11/12/2015 to 12/06/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15038739

Charge Description: Crista Marie Johnson

On or between November 12, 2015 and December 6, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Crista Marie Johnson, did falsely endorse or alter a check so that it purports to have been endorsed by

another.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On December 10, 2015, Officer McGinnis of the Mankato Department of Public Safety spoke to Adult 1, an adult female, regarding Adult 1's father, Victim 1, an adult male. Adult 1 told Officer McGinnis that Victim 1 was currently in the hospital and that Victim 1's credit cards and checks had apparently been stolen out of his live-in caretaker's vehicle when the vehicle was stolen. The caretaker's name is Crista Marie Johnson, D.O.B. 11-5-1985. Adult 1 talked to her father's bank in Mankato and found out the accounts were still active, even though Victim 1 had been in the hospital since December 5, 2015. Officer McGinnis asked Adult 1 to have Victim 1 provide more information about the matter when he was able.

Also on December 10, 2015, Adult 1 contacted Officer Kaiser for help getting Johnson removed from Victim 1's house in the City of Mankato. Officer Kaiser made contact with Johnson at the residence, but Johnson refused to leave without being evicted. Johnson has reportedly lived at the residence for approximately three months. Johnson admitted to Officer Kaiser that Johnson had written out a check of Victim 1's for \$200.00 to a bail bondsman. Johnson claimed that she had permission from Victim 1 to do this. Adult 1 had also provided Officer Kaiser a list of transactions that were conducted while Victim 1 was in the hospital as well as a copy of the check Johnson had written out to the bail bondsman.

On December 16, 2015, Officer McGinnis spoke to Victim 1 over the telephone. Victim 1 explained that Johnson had been his nurse through a company Victim 1 had employed. However, when Johnson moved into Victim 1's house, the company fired Johnson and would no longer accept Victim 1 as a client. According to Victim 1, as time went on, Johnson apparently started stealing Victim 1's medications and selling them to support her narcotics habit.. Victim 1 explained that Johnson was allowed to use Victim 1's checks and debit card at Victim 1's discretion, but Johnson was never given permission to use Victim 1's accounts as Johnson pleased. Victim 1 indicated that Johnson is still living in Victim 1's house, and Victim 1 believes Johnson is dealing methamphetamine out of her bedroom.

On December 21, 2015, Officer McGinnis went to the Kwik Trip located on Madison Avenue in the City of Mankato to review security footage of the ATM area to identify the individual that had been using Victim 1's debit card without his consent. Officer McGinnis had received a bank statement with the individual times the card was used at this location. The card was used at the ATM in this location on December 4, 2015, at approximately 11:33 p.m. and again on December 5, 2015, at approximately 7:49 p.m. Officer McGinnis saw that the security camera footage showed Johnson walking into the front door and using the ATM on both of these occasions. Each time, Johnson withdrew \$200.00 for a total of \$400.00. Officer McGinnis collected the surveillance footage as evidence.

Officer McGinnis also noted numerous miscellaneous charges on the bank statement from McDonald's and Kwik Trip. The transactions included a McDonald's transaction on December 5, 2015, for \$20.63; a Kwik Trip transaction on December 5, 2015, at 7:51:29 p.m. for \$20.63; another December 5, 2015, transaction at Kwik Trip at 7:51:59 p.m. for \$20.63; a third December 5, 2015, Kwik Trip transaction at 7:52:26 p.m. for \$20.63; and a fourth December 5, 2015, Kwik Trip transaction at 7:52:47 p.m. in the amount of \$21.39. Officer McGinnis also noted four transactions at Kwik Trip on December 4, 2015, between 11:39 p.m. and 11:41 p.m. The transactions were for the following amounts: \$22.08, \$22.14, \$23.42, and \$28.53. The total amount of these miscellaneous transactions was \$200.08.

On December 22, 2015, Officer McGinnis went to Victim 1's residence to speak with Johnson about the use of the card. Johnson immediately started telling Officer McGinnis that Johnson's van had been stolen, and whoever did it stole Victim 1's cards out of the van. Officer McGinnis cut Johnson off and told Johnson that Officer McGinnis had video of Johnson at Kwik Trip using the card at the ATM. Johnson then told Officer McGinnis that Victim 1 is accusing Johnson of stealing \$5,000.00 from Victim 1, which was not true.

Officer McGinnis told Johnson that Officer McGinnis was not here about \$5,000.00, and Officer McGinnis explained to Johnson that Officer McGinnis was here about all of the transactions at Kwik Trip and the check Johnson had written out to the bail bondsman for \$200.00. Johnson stated that the check to the bail bondsman was to bail out T.O. from jail and that Johnson has \$200.00 to give back to Victim 1. Johnson claimed that she had asked Victim 1 if she could borrow the money, and Victim 1 said she could. Johnson admitted she signed Victim 1's name to the check.

Johnson admitted to all of the transactions at Kwik Trip, including the two ATM transactions. Johnson said she was high on meth and barely remembers what happened. Johnson said she knew it was wrong and had intentions to pay Victim 1 back. Officer McGinnis asked Johnson about a check that had been written out to Blue Earth County for \$325.99. Johnson denied writing the check or knowing anything about it. Officer McGinnis also inquired why there were so many charges at Kwik Trip within seconds of one another. Johnson said the cashier working would ring up certain items and then give Johnson cash since Johnson could only take so much out of the ATM.

Officer McGinnis noted that the total amount Johnson stole from Victim 1 was \$800.08.

## 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  
Patrol Commander  
710 S Front St  
Mankato, MN 56001-3803  
Badge: 3143

Electronically Signed:  
01/22/2016 03:44 PM  
Blue Earth County, mn

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:  
01/22/2016 01:17 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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*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: January 22, 2016.

**Judicial Officer**

Krista J Jass  
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 01/22/2016 05:05 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.

**CRISTA MARIE JOHNSON**

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: