

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.  
Court File No.

BEC-16-1306  
07-CR-16-3171

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**JUSTIN ALLEN RITSCHKE DOB: 03/31/1987**

723 Broadway Ave S.  
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Order of Detention

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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: 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): 08/10/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16023730

Charge Description: Justin Allen Ritsche

On or about August 10, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Justin Allen Ritsche did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except a small amount of marijuana after having been previously convicted of a violation of Chapter 152.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Controlled Substance**

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(2), with reference to: 169A.26.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/11/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16023730

Charge Description: Justin Allen Ritsche

On or about August 11, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Justin Allen Ritsche did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of a

controlled substance, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed.

### COUNT III

**Charge: Pharmacy - Possess/Control/Manufacture/Sell/Furnish/Dispense/Dispose of Hypodermic Syringes/Needles**

Minnesota Statute: 151.40.1, with reference to: 151.29

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/10/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16023730

Charge Description: Justin Allen Ritsche

On or about August 10, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth said Defendant, Justin Allen Ritsche did, possess, control, manufacture, sell, furnish, dispense, or otherwise dispose of hypodermic syringes or needles or any instrument or implement which can be adapted for subcutaneous injections.

### COUNT IV

**Charge: Drivers' Licenses - Display/Possess Fictitious or Fraudulently Altered DL or MN ID**

Minnesota Statute: 171.22.1(1)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/10/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16023730

Charge Description: Justin Allen Ritsche

On or about August 11, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Justin Allen Ritsche did display, cause or permit to be displayed or have in possession, any fictitious or fraudulently altered driver's license or Minnesota identification card.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 10, 2016 at 9:04 AM Officer Tiffany Blaschko and Officer Kafumba were dispatched to an intoxicated male, who would later be identified as Justin Allen Ritsche, that was passed out behind the wheel of a motor vehicle in the parking lot of Walnut Towers on Walnut Street in Mankato. The complainant, Witness 1, advised that Ritsche would awaken briefly and attempt to put the vehicle and gear and then pass out again. During the time that Ritsche would awaken, Witness 1 stated they could hear the engine roar.

Officer Blaschko arrived on the scene and parked behind the green Chevrolet pickup bearing Minnesota license plate 237DYW. As Officer Blaschko was pulling in behind the vehicle she observed Ritsche passed out behind the steering wheel. Ritsche awoke and reached toward the gearshift as if he was going to put the vehicle and gear and leave. Ritsche then passed out again. Officer Blaschko got out of her squad car and could hear the pickup running.

Officer Blaschko approached on the driver side and observed Ritsche starting to move. Officer Blaschko open the driver side door and announced her presence. Ritsche awoke and Officer Blaschko asked him to turn the vehicle off. Ritsche was sweating profusely with sweat running down his forehead and cheeks. Ritsche's eyes were extremely bloodshot.

While trying to get ID of Ritsche, Officer Blaschko found a number of fictitious driver's licenses in his possession.

While Officer Blaschko was speaking with Ritsche, Officer Kafumba observed a syringe sitting in plain view in the center console the truck. Ritsche tried to reach for the syringe. Officer Blaschko grabbed both of Ritsche's arms and had him step out of the vehicle. Ritsche was searched for safety concerns and placed in the back of Officer Blaschko's squad car. During the search, a circular locket style container was located in Ritsche's left shorts pocket. The container would later field test positive for the presence of methamphetamine.

Officer Blaschko spoke with Ritsche after being read his Miranda rights. Ritsche admitted to shooting methamphetamine at 10 PM the previous night.

A review of Ritsche's criminal record shows a prior controlled substance crime conviction (3rd degree) from February of 2012 which can be found in Benton County file 05-CR-12-1123. Further, Ritsche was convicted of DWI in June, 2014 in Wright County (file 86-CR-4-3134).

## 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**

Justin Neumann  
Sergeant  
710 S Front St  
Mankato, MN 56001-3803  
Badge: 3110

Electronically Signed:  
08/11/2016 02:44 PM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

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

Electronically Signed:  
08/11/2016 02:27 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.

*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: August 11, 2016.

**Judicial Officer**

Robert Birbaum  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/11/2016 03:20 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.

**JUSTIN ALLEN RITSCHKE**

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: