

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

MAN-16-0108
07-CR-16-871

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JANET A. C. SOMAH DOB: 04/15/1997

620 Timberwolf Drive #206
Mankato, MN 56001

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: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(2)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 01/15/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16001405

Charge Description: Said Defendant, Janet A. C. Somah, did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflict or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another.

COUNT II

Charge: Disorderly Conduct-Brawling or Fighting

Minnesota Statute: 609.72.1(1)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 01/15/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16001405

Charge Description: Said Defendant, Janet A. C. Somah, did in a public or private place, knowing, or having reasonable grounds to know that it will, or will tend to, alarm, anger or disturb others or provoke an assault or breach of the peace, engaged in brawling or fighting.

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 January 15, 2016 at about 3:02 pm, officers were called to a domestic disturbance between roommates at a residence at 620 Timberwolf Drive in Mankato, Blue Earth County. Upon arrival they spoke with the two roommates, VICTIM and Janet A.C. Somah, the defendant, as well as two witnesses. Officer Gilbertson spoke with VICTIM, who reported she had been living with the defendant for about six months. Recently, they had not been getting along and on this day, her friend WITNESS1 was at the residence working on homework with VICTIM. The defendant was in the kitchen and was talking about VICTIM as if VICTIM wasn't there. VICTIM confronted the defendant about it and the two began arguing. VICTIM stated that the defendant came at her, so she defended herself and the two began physically fighting and hitting each other. During the fight, VICTIM got hit in the eye and bit on the leg. WITNESSES 1 and 2 attempted to break up the fight, but were unable to do it so they let the fight continue. At some point, the defendant grabbed a knife off the counter, so VICTIM grabbed one as well. VICTIM reported that the defendant told her, 'You better sleep with your eyes open'.

Officer Gilbertson noted redness around VICTIM'S right eye. He photographed that as well as the bite marks on her leg.

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

Jeremy Clifton
Police Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3149

Electronically Signed:
03/08/2016 06:43 AM
Blue Earth County, MN

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Linda B. Hilligoss
Assistant Blue Earth County
Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002-3129
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
03/07/2016 11:20 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 _____, _____ 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: March 8, 2016.

Judicial Officer

Darci J. Bentz

Electronically Signed: 03/08/2016 10:23 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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JANET A. C. SOMAH

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: