

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-16-1858
07-CR-16-4420

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM ERNEST CARROLL DOB: 01/29/1974

101 Cheetah Lane
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

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): 11/09/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16016975

Charge Description: William Ernest Carroll

On or about November 9, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, William Ernest Carroll 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 and the weight of the substance is greater than .25 grams or 1 dosage unit.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Deputy Chris Arkell, a licensed police officer in the State of Minnesota, currently employed by the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office, reports that on November 9, 2016, at approximately 9:26 p.m., while on routine patrol, he stopped a motor vehicle whose registered owner had a revoked driver's license in the area of 1120 Madison Avenue, near Tav on the Ave, in the City of Mankato.

Arkell reports upon contacting the driver, he identified him as William Carroll. Carroll admitted that his driving status was revoked and when Arkell questioned him about some unusual driving behavior, Carroll stated that he drives strange routes to relax. He also denied trying to avoid law enforcement. Arkell then asked Carroll where he was driving and he stated 101 Cheetah, where he is currently living. Carroll also stated that he was going to St. Peter to visit a friend.

Carroll stated that the path he was taking to St. Peter was strange and that he understood why Arkell believed he was trying to avoid police contact. Arkell further noted a radar detector on the dashboard of Carroll's car.

Due to strange behavior from Carroll, Arkell asked if he was on probation. Carroll admitted he was currently on probation in Blue Earth County for controlled substance crime. Arkell noticed a small white container on the floorboard of the vehicle, which he knows based on his training and experience is a container commonly used to hold controlled substances.

Arkell further notes that while talking with Carroll, he was sweating profusely, which was out of the ordinary as it was 45 degrees outside. Carroll stated he was not sick or running a fever. Arkell noticed that Carroll's carotid artery was pulsing through his neck. Arkell, based on his training and experience, knows that those factors are consistent with someone who is concealing criminal activity.

Eventually a K-9 unit arrived on scene and conducted a sniff of Carroll's vehicle. At the conclusion of the dog sniff, Deputy Wolfe of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office advised that the K-9 had indicated on the vehicle, meaning that controlled substances were likely present.

The deputies searched the vehicle and inside the small white container that Arkell had previously observed in the vehicle, was a small amount of green leafy substance that NIK tested positive for marijuana. Arkell also located a digital scale consistent with those used in controlled substance use and sales. Also discovered were several plastic baggies, also consistent with those used in controlled substance distribution. Deputy Wolfe located a broken glass pipe with a white/brown residue which NIK tested positive for methamphetamine. Additionally, a small Ziploc style baggie was located on the floor of the passenger side with a crystalline substance that NIK tested positive for methamphetamine. Another black plastic container with meth residue was also located inside the vehicle.

Carroll was taken into custody and placed in the back of Arkell's patrol car. He denied having any other controlled substances that he was aware of in the vehicle or on his person. He was then transported to the Blue Earth County Jail.

Arkell reports once at the jail, he took Carroll from his patrol vehicle and noticed a small plastic Ziploc type baggie containing a crystalline substance, which later NIK tested positive for methamphetamine. The baggie was found on the floor in the compartment that Carroll had been in. Deputy Arkell noted that he routinely searches the backseat of his patrol car, before and after every shift. He then confronted Carroll about the baggie. He admitted it was his and that he was going to tell Arkell about it. Carroll stated that the baggie was in his pant leg before he got into the backseat. He also admitted it weighed 3 grams.

Deputy Arkell later had the opportunity to weigh the methamphetamine found in the motor vehicle and in the back of his squad car. The methamphetamine weighed approximately 0.5 grams and the meth that had been in Carroll's pant leg and was discovered on the floor of the squad car weighed 2.9 grams.

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

Paul Barta
Captain
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2721

Electronically Signed:
11/10/2016 11:56 AM
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
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Electronically Signed:
11/10/2016 11:43 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.

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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: November 10, 2016.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/10/2016 12:30 PM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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*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: