

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.  
Court File No.

BEC-16-0147  
07-CR-16-402

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**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**HEIDI MARIE WIDMER DOB: 06/02/1986**

523 N 3rd St  
Saint Peter, MN 56082

Defendant.

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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 - 3rd Degree - Sale - Narcotic**

Minnesota Statute: 152.023.1(1), with reference to: 152.023.3(a)

Maximum Sentence: 20 years and/or \$250,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/30/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16001232

Charge Description: Heidi Marie Widmer

On or about January 30, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Heidi Marie Widmer, did unlawfully sell one or more mixtures containing a narcotic drug.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana**

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(a)(1)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/30/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16001232

Charge Description: Heidi Marie Widmer

On or about January 30, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Heidi Marie Widmer 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.

## COUNT III

**Charge: Introduce Contraband-Drug/Liquor into Jail/Lockup/Prison**

Minnesota Statute: 641.165.2(a)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 01/30/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16001232

Charge Description: Heidi Marie Widmer

On or about January 30, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Heidi Marie Widmer did introduce or in any manner cause the introduction of contraband into any jail, lock-up, or correctional facility, without the consent of the person in charge, or is found in possession of contraband while within the facility or upon the grounds thereof.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On January 30, 2016 at approximately 5:38 p.m., Lieutenant Tim Mohr with the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office was traveling northbound on Highway 22, just north of County Road 26, when he observed a midsize SUV approaching his squad southbound at a high rate of speed. The SUV's speed caught his attention because he noticed it was closing the gap quickly on a van traveling directly in front of it. With his squad radar activated, the approaching SUV's speed was clocked at 62 in a 55. This corresponded to Lieutenant Mohr's visual observations of the vehicle's speed. As the vehicle approached the intersection of Highway 22 and County Road 26, Lieutenant Mohr was behind the vehicle and noticed that the SUV's left rear taillight was inoperable or burnt out. Based on the speed and the inoperable left rear taillight, Lieutenant Mohr activated his overhead emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. With lights fully activated, the SUV continued for a distance longer than Lieutenant Mohr normally observed was necessary to pull over to yield to an emergency vehicle. Based on his experience and training, this alerted his suspicions that the occupants were attempting to 'buy time' to possibly conceal some type of illegal behavior or activity.

Upon exiting his squad and reaching the already open driver's side window, Lieutenant Mohr was overwhelmed by the distinct and overpowering odor of recently burnt marijuana. He made contact with the driver who was identified as Tyler John Gerlich. While smelling the overpowering odor of marijuana standing next to the door and looking right at Gerlich, Lieutenant Mohr asked 'who's been smoking the marijuana and where is it?' Gerlich's face immediately displayed the deer in headlights look. He opened his mouth and with a shaky, nervous, and unconvincing voice told Lieutenant Mohr 'no one, I don't know why you would think that.' Lieutenant Mohr informed Gerlich that he's been doing this job for well over 20 years and that he knows what marijuana smells like. Gerlich made another feeble attempt to deny that there was any. Lieutenant Mohr advised that Gerlich could cooperate with him and turn the marijuana over or he could summon the K-9 Unit to the stop and it was his choice. Gerlich then opened the center console, reached into it and handed Lieutenant Mohr a small, green, plastic container that contained a very small amount of a green, leafy substance that didn't even come close to covering the bottom of it. Based on training and experience, the amount in the container wouldn't even fill the bowl on an average size glass pipe, nor be sufficient enough to give off the overpowering odor that was emanating from within the vehicle. Lieutenant Mohr asked Gerlich to remain in the vehicle while he returned to his squad and requested additional backup to conduct a vehicle search. A short time later, State Patrol Trooper Marthaler arrived on scene to assist. It should also be noted that a female passenger was in the vehicle, later identified as Heidi Marie Widmer. The occupants were asked to exit the vehicle just as Mankato Department of Public Safety Officer Chris Arkell arrived and took over watching the removed occupants.

Trooper Marthaler and Lieutenant Mohr searched the vehicle. Trooper Marthaler found both a larger, yellow prescription pill bottle with no labels on it and a large glass smoking pipe with burnt marijuana residue in it in the glovebox. Inside the bottle was a green, leafy substance consistent with marijuana. Both law enforcement officers concurred that the amount of marijuana located inside the vehicle did not match the overwhelming odor that was observed. Based on these observations, Lieutenant Mohr continued to search on the driver's side of the vehicle, where he located two \$20 bills tucked between the driver's seat and the center console, and a smaller glass smoking pipe containing burnt marijuana residue, all well within Gerlich's grasp and control. Trooper Marthaler continued his search of the passenger's side and he next located a small plastic bindle bag under the front seat that had one small, elongated, white pill in it. That pill would later be identified by Marthaler through the use of his mobile computer to be M365, which is Acetaminophen and Hydrocodone at 325 mg and 5 mg. Hydrocodone is a schedule II controlled substance.

Also located and left on the vehicle's floor was a partially opened gray purse belonging to Widmer. When

Marthaler looked at the purse, he found lying right on top inside of the purse a Ziploc bag containing a very large amount of a green, bud-like and leafy substance, consistent with marijuana. When he removed it from the purse, it had the very distinct and overpowering odor of marijuana emanating from it. As he continued his search of the purse, he located an envelope that contained a large amount of US currency, \$300.00, one electronic digital scale, a pink aluminum grinder with green leafy substance in it, miscellaneous cards and paper items with the name Heidi Widmer on them, cosmetics, loose change, cigarettes, perfume, and \$3.00. The purse and contents were photographed.

Based on the items discovered and seized, Lieutenant Mohr returned to speak with both Gerlich and Widmer, advising them that they had found illegal narcotics, paraphernalia, and had made other observations, and they were now under arrest and would be transported to the Blue Earth County Jail. Upon hearing this, Gerlich had that panicky nervous look on his face and told him that all of the stuff that they located 'was his' and he 'gave it to her to hold onto for him' hoping it wouldn't be found and that he would just be going to jail, not her. Both Gerlich and Widmer were transported to the Blue Earth County Jail. Upon arriving at the jail intake area with Gerlich, Lieutenant Mohr was advised by a custody officer that upon searching Widmer's purse and coat, more illegal narcotics and cash were found. From Widmer's upper coat pocket, she removed a portion of a small paper bank envelope that had been folding in a manner to keep one whole pill and one half of a pill concealed and protected. In looking at the whole pill, Lieutenant Mohr found the marking '512' stamped on one side of it. In researching the pill on Drugs.com, it was identified as Acetaminophen and Oxycodone. Oxycodone is a schedule II controlled substance. This pill was also seized and logged into evidence. Also located in that pocket was a large amount of US currency, this time \$295.00. In total, over \$600 was seized during this incident between currency found in the vehicle, in Widmer's purse, and in Widmer's coat.

Lieutenant Mohr was advised that another small plastic bag, like the one which contained the pill from under the front passenger seat, was found during a search of Widmer's body. Lieutenant Mohr was advised by the custody officer that this bag was found and removed from Widmer's vaginal cavity as she was attempting to conceal it. When confronted and questioned by the jail staff, she tried to tell them that it was 'a tampon.' The bag was turned over to Deputy Steinbach and Lieutenant Mohr prior to being logged into evidence. The bag contained three separate pieces. One was a whole pill, very similar to the one marked M365 that was located inside the vehicle, and then two smaller pieces appearing to be the same as the pill marked '512.' It should also be noted that it was stressed at the time of the arrest to both Gerlich and Widmer that if they had any other illegal items on them, it would be in their best interest to turn them over otherwise they would be charged with introducing illegal contraband into a detention facility.

## 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  
Lieutenant  
401 Carver Rd  
Mankato, MN 56002-0228  
Badge: 2721

Electronically Signed:  
02/01/2016 01:06 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:  
02/01/2016 11:28 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: February 1, 2016.

**Judicial Officer**

Bradley C Walker  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 02/01/2016 02:16 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.

**HEIDI MARIE WIDMER**

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: