

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-16-0136
07-CR-16-398

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KARI KAE DARRINGTON DOB: 06/27/1991

12195 510th Ave
Wells, MN 56097

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: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.26.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 01/14/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16000581

Charge Description: Kari Kae Darrington

On or about January 14, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Kari Kae Darrington did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed.

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(5), with reference to: 169A.26.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 01/14/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16000581

Charge Description: Kari Kae Darrington

On or about January 14, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Kari Kae Darrington did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when his/her alcohol concentration at the time, or as measured within two hours of the time, of driving, operating or being in physical control of the

motor vehicle was 0.08 or more, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Deputy Josh Steinbach, a licensed peace officer in the State of Minnesota, currently employed as a deputy with the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office, reports that on January 14, 2016, at approximately 9:58 p.m., deputies were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle located on State Highway 30 in the area of 116th Street in Blue Earth County. Dispatch advised that the complainant was reporting that a vehicle was running with all its lights on and was stopped in the middle of the westbound traffic lane of State Highway 30. Dispatch also advised that the person making the complaint was not sure if anyone was in the vehicle, but they were able to provide a license plate number of 070 EAB.

Deputy Steinbach reports upon his arrival to the location of the vehicle he observed a Ford Expedition bearing Minnesota license plate 070 EAB sitting in the westbound traffic lane with its lights on and still running. He also observed Mapleton Police Officer Hagen's squad car parked behind the Expedition with all of its emergency lights on. Steinbach then parked directly behind Hagen's squad car and activated his emergency lights as well. Officer Hagen then walked back to speak with Steinbach about his observations and his initial contact with the female driver. Hagen also provided Steinbach with the driver's identifying information which identified her as Kari Kae Darrington.

Steinbach then walked up to the vehicle and opened the driver's door. Upon doing so, he immediately smelled the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from inside the passenger compartment of the car. Steinbach then asked Darrington what was going on and what she was doing there. Darrington was reluctant to talk to Steinbach. Steinbach then asked her where she was going and where she was coming from. Darrington was still reluctant to say anything and appeared frustrated and said that she was just on the phone with her sister and that she had stopped because she didn't want to drive and talk on the phone.

Steinbach then explained to Darrington why law enforcement was on the scene. Darrington then indicated that she was just driving home.

Steinbach then asked Darrington how much she had to drink that evening, and Darrington stated, 'Not that much.' Steinbach then asked Darrington what she had been drinking, beer, whiskey, or shots; and Darrington indicated, 'Just beer.' Steinbach once again asked Darrington how much she had to drink, and Darrington admitted that she probably had too much to drink.

Deputy Steinbach then had Darrington exit the vehicle to perform some standard field-sobriety testing. Darrington performed the tests unsatisfactorily or failed those tests before Steinbach stopped Darrington from completing anymore tests due to Darrington's unwillingness to cooperate and due to the extreme weather conditions.

Steinbach then had Darrington perform a preliminary breath test which indicated an alcohol level of .208.

Darrington was then arrested for driving while impaired and transported to the Blue Earth County Jail. Steinbach reports while at the jail he read the Implied Consent Advisory to Darrington and began that advisory at 11:16 p.m. The Implied Consent Advisory was then completed at 11:19 p.m., and Darrington agreed to take a breath test.

A breath test was then administered to Darrington which was completed at 11:32 p.m. and revealed an alcohol concentration of .21.

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

Richard Murry
Captain
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2708

Electronically Signed:
01/29/2016 03:15 PM
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
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
01/29/2016 01:46 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 **February 25, 2016 at 2:50 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: February 1, 2016.

Judicial Officer Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 02/01/2016 08:20 AM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

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KARI KAE DARRINGTON

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: