

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-16-1719
07-CR-16-4223

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RONALD EDWARD GUENTZEL DOB: 12/29/1971

46717 381st Ave
St. Peter, MN 56082

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 Abuse - Violate Order for Protection-Misdemeanor

Minnesota Statute: 518B.01.14(b)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/14/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16015533

Charge Description: Ronald Edward Guentzel Also Known As Ron Edward Guentzel And Roland Edward Guentzel

On or about October 14, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Ronald Edward Guentzel did violate an order for protection granted by a judge or referee.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 14, 2016, at approximately 12:40 p.m., Deputy Karge responded to a report of multiple violations of an Order for Protection in the City of Madison Lake, Blue Earth County, Minnesota. Deputy Karge identified the victim as Victim 1. Deputy Karge verified that Victim 1 has an OFP on her behalf against Ronald Edward Guentzel, the Defendant herein. Deputy Karge learned that the Defendant had sent text messages to a third party. The third party was identified as Jane Mans. Mans is a close friend of Victim 1. In addition, Mans is the Defendant's cousin. Victim 1 indicated that she had received numerous text messages from Mans in violation of the OFP. In many of the messages, the Defendant is communicating with Mans about his feelings for Victim 1. In the messages, the Defendant references wanting to get back together with Victim 1. Mans forwarded the Defendant's messages to Victim 1. In subsequent messages, the Defendant asks Mans how Victim 1 responded when the messages were forwarded. Victim 1 reported the receipt of numerous text messages between September 22 and October 14, 2016.

Deputy Karge spoke with Mans regarding the forwarding of the messages from the Defendant to Victim 1. Mans stated that she was just trying to be a friend to the family and forwarded the messages on. Mans stated that if Victim 1 didn't want them, she should have told her to stop sending the messages. Mans also claimed that the Defendant never asked her to forward the messages to Victim 1. Deputy Karge informed Mans to stop forwarding the messages to Victim 1.

Deputy Karge spoke with the Defendant regarding the text messages that he sent to Mans. The Defendant stated that he was just texting Mans because he was able to communicate with her. The Defendant claimed that he never told Mans to forward the message to Victim 1. Deputy Karge instructed the Defendant that this sort of communication is a violation of the OFP and needed to stop.

A computer check of court file records indicates that an OFP was filed in Blue Earth County District Court File No. 07-FA-16-3087. The OFP specifically prohibits: "any contact with [Victim 1] whether in person, with or through other persons, by telephone, mail, e-mail, through electronic devices, social media, or by any other means" The OFP was signed by the Honorable Judge Kurt D. Johnson. The OFP was personally served on the Defendant on August 5, 2016.

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

Brian L Martin
Deputy Sheriff
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2723

Electronically Signed:
10/26/2016 12:40 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
10/26/2016 11:54 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 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: October 26, 2016.

Judicial Officer Thomas G McCarthy
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 10/26/2016 01:18 PM

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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vs.

RONALD EDWARD GUENTZEL

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: