

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-16-0460
07-CR-16-1228

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PETER JOHN MUTCH DOB: 10/28/1955

126 Plato Drive
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: Emergency Telephone Calls/Communications - Place Fictitious Emergency 911 Call to Prompt Response

Minnesota Statute: 609.78.2(2)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/13/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16007142

Charge Description: Peter John Mutch

On or about March 13, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Peter John Mutch did place an emergency call and report a fictitious emergency with the intent of prompting an emergency response by law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical services personnel

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 13, 2016, officers with the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to an address located on Plato Street in the City of Mankato for a reported suicide attempt. Initial information from Dispatch indicated that Peter John Mutch (D.O.B. 10/28/1955) had called the Crisis Center and advised that Mutch had stabbed himself in the abdomen with a knife. Sergeant Neumann responded to the scene with an emergency response. Upon arrival, Sergeant Neumann attempted contact at the door; and Mutch yelled, 'Come on in.' Sergeant Neumann tried the door, and it was locked. Sergeant Neumann asked Mutch if Mutch was able to open the door, and Sergeant Neumann heard Mutch walking to the door. Mutch then opened the door, and it appeared to Sergeant Neumann as though Mutch was not injured. Sergeant Neumann asked Mutch if he had harmed himself, and Mutch stated that he had not. Mutch stated that he was hearing voices in his head and that is why he called.

Sergeant Neumann asked Mutch if he told staff at the Crisis Center that Mutch had stabbed himself, and Mutch stated that he had not. Mutch stated that Mutch told them that Mutch was thinking about and told them he was hearing voices. Officers Terry and McClinton also arrived on scene, and Sergeant Neumann stepped outside to speak with the staff member at the Crisis Center who had taken the call from Mutch. The staff member advised that when she answered the phone, Mutch stated, 'Send some help. I just committed suicide.' The staff member stated that she inquired if this was some sort of joke and asked what the caller meant. At that time, the staff member explained that Mutch stated, 'I just stabbed myself in the stomach.' According to the staff member, she asked Mutch what Mutch had used to stab himself; and Mutch stated, 'A butter knife.' The staff member then asked Mutch if he needed medical attention, and Mutch stated, 'I was a medic in the military, I know how to take care of this.' The staff member stated that while help was on the way, she asked Mutch why he did this; and he stated, 'Because voices told me to.' The staff member asked Mutch why Mutch harmed himself this time; and Mutch stated, 'Because I felt like it.' According to the staff member, Mutch then stated Mutch was getting annoyed by her questions and wanted someone to come to his home and talk to him.

After speaking with the staff member, Sergeant Neumann spoke with Mutch again. After some discussion, Mutch admitted that Mutch did, in fact, tell the Crisis Center that he had stabbed himself. Mutch further admitted that Mutch did so because Mutch wanted to talk to someone and knew that if Mutch said he stabbed himself, the police would come and speak with him. Sergeant Neumann asked Mutch why Mutch did not just talk to the staff at the Crisis Center who was willing to speak with him and Mutch stated he did not want to speak with them and wanted to speak with the police. Mutch was informed that his actions were inappropriate and manipulative and that if Mutch needs help or wishes to speak with someone, then Mutch simply needs to call and ask for help. Mutch was advised that officers would be seeking criminal charges for his actions.

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

Deborah McDermott
Patrol Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3143

Electronically Signed:
03/30/2016 02:08 PM
Blue Earth County, mn

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Ryan S. Hansch
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
03/30/2016 09:01 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 **April 21, 2016 at 2:30 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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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 30, 2016.

Judicial Officer

Kurt D Johnson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/30/2016 02:45 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.

PETER JOHN MUTCH

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: