

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.  
Court File No.

BEC-16-1646  
07-CR-16-4538

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**MARK WARREN PRITCHARD DOB: 06/04/1963**

401 Carver Road (BEC Jail)  
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

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**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: False Fire Alarms/Tamper w/Fire Alarm System-Bodily Harm**

Minnesota Statute: 609.686.2

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/08/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16015229

Charge Description: Mark Warren Pritchard Also Known As Mark Warren Pritchad, Mark Pritchard, Mark Warren Pritchard, Mark E Pritchard And Mark Warren Prichard

On or about October 8, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Mark Warren Pritchard did, intentionally give a false alarm of fire, or unlawfully tamper or interfere with any fire alarm system, fire protection device, or the station or signal box of any fire alarm system or any auxiliary fire appliance, or unlawfully breaks, injures, defaces, or removes any such system, device, box or station, or unlawfully breaks, injures, destroys, disables, renders inoperable, or disturbs any of the wires, poles, or other supports and appliances connected with or forming a part of any fire alarm system or fire protection device or any auxiliary fire appliance and knew or had reason to know that the tampering would create the potential for bodily harm or the tampering resulted in bodily harm.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Damage to Property-3rd Deg-Reduce Value \$501-\$1000**

Minnesota Statute: 609.595.2(a)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/08/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16015229

Charge Description: Mark Warren Pritchard Also Known As Mark Warren Pritchad, Mark Pritchard, Mark Warren Pritchard, Mark E Pritchard And Mark Warren Prichard

On or about October 8, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Mark Warren Pritchard did intentionally cause damage to another person's physical property without the other person's consent, and the damage reduced the value of the property by more than \$500.00 but no more than \$1,000.00 as measured by the cost of repair and replacement.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 8, 2016, at approximately 5:23 p.m., Deputy Kyle Phillips of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the Blue Earth County Jail in Mankato, Blue Earth County, on the report of a sprinkler head being damaged in one of the cells. Upon arriving at the scene, Deputy Phillips was advised that inmate Mark Warren Pritchard, DOB 6-4-1963, had caused the sprinkler head to activate and water to flow throughout the cell and under the doorway into another cell. Pritchard was the only inmate in the cell at the time of this event.

Pritchard claimed that when he flushed the toilet in his cell, after urinating, the sprinkler head activated and soaked the room in water. Deputy Phillips observed that there was a yellow tint to the water in the toilet, leading him to believe that the toilet had not been flushed after Pritchard urinated.

Deputy Phillips spoke with Tim Edwards, the Justice Center maintenance supervisor. After speaking with Edwards, it was clear that Pritchard's version of what occurred was not possible, as the sprinkler system is not on the same water supply as the toilet and flushing the toilet has no bearing on the sprinkler system. As Deputy Phillips had previously observed, it appeared the toilet had not been flushed. Deputy Phillips also located damaged components of the sprinkler head. It appeared that the retaining cap of the sprinkler had been tampered with, as it was no longer round.

Blue Earth County estimates the damage of the repairs at \$880.50.

## 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:  
11/18/2016 02:09 PM  
Blue Earth County, MN

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

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

Electronically Signed:  
11/18/2016 02:05 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 **December 22, 2016 at 8:15 AM** 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: November 18, 2016.

**Judicial Officer**

Krista J Jass  
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 11/18/2016 02:46 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.

**MARK WARREN PRITCHARD**

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: