

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-15-1759
07-CR-15-5102

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KALEB LEWIS LINSE DOB: 11/20/1997

456 Water St
Fairmont, MN 56031

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: Solicit Child or Believe to be a Child Through Electronic Communication to Engage in Sexual Conduct

Minnesota Statute: 609.352.2a(1), with reference to: 609.352.4

Maximum Sentence: 3 years and/or \$5,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/30/2015 to 12/01/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15000675

Charge Description: Kaleb Lewis Linse

On or between November 30, 2015 and December 1, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Kaleb Lewis Linse, did as a person 18 years of age or older, use the Internet, a computer, computer program, computer network, computer system, an electronic communications system, or a telecommunications, wire, or radio communications system, or other electronic device capable of electronic data storage or transmission to commit any of the following acts, with the intent to arouse the sexual desire of any person; to wit: soliciting a child or someone the person reasonably believes is a child to engage in sexual conduct.

COUNT II

Charge: Engage in Electronic Communication Relating or Describing Sexual Conduct with Child.

Minnesota Statute: 609.352.2a(2), with reference to: 609.352.4

Maximum Sentence: 3 years and/or \$5,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/30/2015 to 12/01/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15000675

Charge Description: Kaleb Lewis Linse

On or between November 30, 2015 and December 1, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Kaleb Lewis Linse, did as a person 18 years of age or older, use the Internet, a computer, computer program, computer network, computer system, an electronic communications system, or a telecommunications, wire, or radio communications system, or other electronic device capable of electronic data storage or transmission to commit any of the following acts, with the intent to arouse the sexual desire of any person; to wit: engaging in communication with a child or someone the person reasonably believes is a child, relating to or describing sexual conduct.

COUNT III

Charge: Distribute via Electronic Communication Material that Relates/Describes Sexual Conduct to a Child

Minnesota Statute: 609.352.2a(3), with reference to: 609.352.4

Maximum Sentence: 3 years and/or \$5,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/30/2015 to 12/01/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15000675

Charge Description: Kaleb Lewis Linse

On or between November 30, 2015 and December 1, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Kaleb Lewis Linse, did as a person 18 years of age or older, use the Internet, a computer, computer program, computer network, computer system, an electronic communications system, or a telecommunications, wire, or radio communications system, or other electronic device capable of electronic data storage or transmission to commit any of the following acts, with the intent to arouse the sexual desire of any person; to wit: distributing any material, language, or communication, including a photographic or video image, that relates to or describes sexual conduct to a child or someone the person reasonably believes is a child.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Special Agent Ben Rittmiller states that all times relevant to the investigation he was assigned to the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. On November 30, 2015, through December 1, 2015, Agent Rittmiller and others working with law enforcement were focused on individuals posting in the "casual encounters" section of Craigslist-Mankato. As part of the investigation, an undercover officer presented as a 14-year-old female.

During the course of specific electronic correspondence, the undercover officer communicated with a Craigslist poster who was "looking for some fun." The undercover informed the poster that the undercover was a 14-year-old female. The poster, subsequently identified as Kaleb Lewis Linse, implied the purpose of the meet was for a sexual encounter and sent two photographs that he indicated were of him. Tentative arrangements through more electronic communications were made to meet with Linse in the City of Mankato on December 1, 2015. Linse had sent the undercover officer two pictures, one of which was purportedly him semi-nude. The undercover had sent Linse a photo of a female, approximately 14 years of age.

Law enforcement officers established surveillance of a suspect vehicle, and Linse was observed parking in front of a store in the City of Mankato. At approximately 9:29 p.m., Special Agent Rittmiller was advised that Linse exited the store and returned to his vehicle. Uniformed officers made contact and positively identified Linse. In a post-Miranda Statement, Linse advised that he brought condoms for his intended sexual encounter and that they were in his vehicle under the driver's seat. An unopened box of condoms was subsequently located in Linse's vehicle.

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

Robert J Nance
Senior Special Agent
1430 Maryland Avenue E
St. Paul, MN 55106
Badge: 1320

Electronically Signed:
12/15/2015 04:00 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Patrick R. McDermott
Assistant Blue Earth County
Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
12/15/2015 03:58 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 **January 14, 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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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: December 15, 2015.

Judicial Officer

Darci J. Bentz

Electronically Signed: 12/15/2015 04:10 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.

KALEB LEWIS LINSE

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: