

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-16-0217-02
07-CR-16-835

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT EUGENE ZUEHLKE DOB: 05/19/1980

462 N. 6th Street Apt #2
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: Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(a)(1)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/08/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16003697

Charge Description: Robert Eugene Zuehlke Also Known As Bob Eugene Zuehlke

On or about February 8, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Robert Eugene Zuehlke did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except a small amount of marijuana.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On February 8, 2016 at approximately 10:00 PM officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched on an assist ambulance call at a residence on N. 6th St. in the City of Mankato. The call was regarding a male who was having medical issues and had possibly overdosed.

Officer Audrey Kranz and Officer Matt Vitale, both with the Mankato Department of Public Safety, responded to the scene. The individual who was having medical issues was removed from the residence and taken by ambulance to the hospital. There was concern that the individual had possibly used illegal narcotics.

While on the scene, officers learned that in the prior two weeks the Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force had executed a search warrant at the residence and recovered methamphetamine. As a result of that search warrant, Robert Eugene Zuehlke was charged with a first-degree controlled substance crime (Blue Earth County file number 07 ' CR ' 16 ' 348).

Officer Brett Gagnon, who was at the residence assisting, saw both Zuehlke and Nyapuot Dech Kuek, Zuehlke's girlfriend, exit Zuehlke's bedroom at different times. It was learned that Kuek sometimes stays in Zuehlke's bedroom.

Agent Nick Smith of the Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force, based on his knowledge of Zuehlke possessing and selling methamphetamine, and in an effort to gather information that may assist medical personnel, asked Zuehlke if he had provided any drugs to the individual with medical issues. Zuehlke denied doing so. It was later learned that the individual was pronounced dead by medical personnel at the hospital.

Detective Jim Card secured a search warrant that was reviewed by a judge of the Fifth Judicial District. The search warrant authorized a search for controlled substances including, but not limited to, methamphetamine. The search warrant authorized a search of the entire residence, including the bedroom occupied by Zuehlke and Kuek.

During execution of the search warrant, located in Zuehlke's bedroom was a ripped top to a small plastic baggie which contained a white residue that field-tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine. Three white pills identified as oxycodone were located in a box containing female clothing in the closet. Two red straws were located that were cut short and contained a white residue that field-tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine. One gem baggie was found with white residue that would field test positive for the presence of methamphetamine. Numerous, various pieces of drug paraphernalia were located in the bedroom.

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:
03/04/2016 08:24 AM
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:
03/01/2016 11:13 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 **March 31, 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 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: March 4, 2016.

Judicial Officer Krista J Jass
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 03/04/2016 11:08 AM

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.

ROBERT EUGENE ZUEHLKE

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: