

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-16-1535
07-CR-16-3772

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

MARK WARREN PRITCHARD DOB: 06/04/1963

131 N Ewing St
Good Thunder, MN 56037

Defendant.

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(1), with reference to: 152.025.4(b)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/20/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16001010

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 September 20, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Mark Warren Pritchard 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 and the person has been previously convicted of a violation of Chapter 152.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On September 20, 2016, Agent Ruch of the Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force was contacted by Chief Jordan of the Tri-City Police, who stated that a concerned citizen, hereinafter referred to as CC, approached Chief Jordan and told him that there was a lot of suspicious activity occurring at the residence of 131 North Ewing Street in Good Thunder, Blue Earth County. The CC expressed concerns about the high volume of traffic coming and going from the residence, stating it is very short-term and constant. Chief Jordan stated that CC also told him that a person living at that address had chased the garbage truck earlier that day and tried to get them to take their garbage. When the garbage truck refused to remove the trash due to delinquent funds, the male subject got very concerned. Chief Jordan informed Agent Ruch that the CC also stated he had been approached in the past 72 hours by the male occupants of that address, who wanted to barter with CC. CC stated that he believed the males wanted to trade methamphetamine for items.

Agents went to the residence in Good Thunder and verified the trash was still out on the curb for pickup. Agents were then able to obtain a city dump truck and went to the residence and retrieved the trash. Agents went through the trash and found multiple used gem-style baggies that field tested positive for methamphetamine. They also found one used syringe that field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Agents then obtained a lawful search warrant granted by The Honorable Judge Johnson of Blue Earth County District Court to search the residence in Good Thunder. Agents went to the location and made contact with Mark Warren Pritchard, D.O.B. 6-4-1963, who was one of the residents there. Pritchard was very upset and uncooperative during the execution of the warrant and was placed in the back of a marked squad car.

While searching the residence, agents found a metal spoon containing a cotton ball and residue that field tested positive for methamphetamine. The spoon was found in a bedroom that Pritchard occupied. The spoon was found next to Pritchard's wallet and ID. Agents also found a gem baggie containing residue that field tested positive for methamphetamine in the night stand next to Pritchard's bed next to his wallet and ID. Syringes that field tested positive for methamphetamine were found on the nightstand in Pritchard's bedroom. Multiple other items of paraphernalia that field tested positive for methamphetamine were found throughout the residence. Residency documents showing that Pritchard lives at the residence were found in the living room.

A record check showed that Pritchard was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree in December 1990 and has another conviction for Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree from 1988.

After agents conducted a search of the residence, Pritchard was taken to detox. Thus, a warrant is requested.

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

Ryan Jordan
PO Box 250
Amboy, MN 56010

Electronically Signed:
09/23/2016 12:11 PM
Blue Earth County 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:
09/22/2016 09:04 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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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: \$25,000.00

Conditions of Release: jail drug testing

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: September 23, 2016.

Judicial Officer

Kurt D Johnson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/23/2016 12:57 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 Warrant
upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: