

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.  
Court File No.

BEC-16-0763  
07-CR-16-1903

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**ROBERT EUGENE ZUEHLKE DOB: 05/19/1980**

462 N. 6th Street #2  
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Order of Detention

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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 - 3rd Degree - Possess - Methamphet/Amphetamine in School/Park/Pub Housing Zone**

Minnesota Statute: 152.023.2(a)(6), with reference to: 152.023.3(a)  
Maximum Sentence: 20 years and/or \$250,000  
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/06/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16013254

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

On or about May 6, 2016 in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Robert Eugene Zuehlke did unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures containing methamphetamine or amphetamine in a school zone, a park zone a public housing zone, or a drug treatment facility.

**COUNT II**

**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): 05/06/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16013254

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

On or about May 6, 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 May 6, 2016, at approximately 9:21 a.m., Officer Bill Reinbold with the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to the Law Enforcement Center where he spoke with Witness 1.

Witness 1 stated he was traveling on Broad Street near Washington Street when he saw a black wallet in the middle of the road. He assumed it belonged to someone and stopped to pick it up. When he opened the wallet, he found a debit card and several baggies that contained what he thought to be possibly narcotics.

Officer Reinbold opened the wallet and found a debit card belonging to Robert Zuehlke. Also inside the wallet was a plastic bag containing a white crystal-like substance, an empty bag with a white crystal-like residue, and a glass vile with a crystal-like residue. Officer Reinbold took possession of the wallet and ran Zuehlke's name over the radio.

A short time later, a community service officer called in on the radio and asked if officers were still looking for Zuehlke. The CSO indicated he just had contact with Zuehlke in the alley behind Fitzgerald Middle School on North Fifth Street. Officer Reinbold told him to try to locate him again so that he could speak with Zuehlke about the contents of the wallet.

Zuehlke was located a short time later, and Officer Reinbold made contact. Officer Reinbold asked Zuehlke if he was missing a wallet. Zuehlke said he was, and Officer Reinbold asked Zuehlke to describe it. Zuehlke said it was black and had a zipper that closed it. Officer Reinbold pulled the wallet that had been turned over to him out of his pants pocket and showed it to Zuehlke.

Zuehlke said that it was his wallet and reached out to take it from Officer Reinbold. Officer Reinbold put the wallet back into his pocket and placed Zuehlke under arrest. Upon searching Zuehlke incident to arrest, Officer Reinbold located a digital scale with a white crystal-like residue in Zuehlke's left cargo pocket of his pants.

While dealing with Zuehlke, he claimed that there was \$350.00 in cash in the wallet. Officer Reinbold noted there was no cash in the wallet when it was turned over to him and the witness made no mention of any cash. It should be noted that at first contact with the CSO, Zuehlke had claimed that he lost his wallet and that it contained \$500.00 in cash.

On returning to the Public Safety Center, Officer Reinbold tested the plastic bag and it tested positive with a narc-tech swab as methamphetamine. Both the empty baggy and plastic vile also indicated positive with methamphetamine residue. Last, Officer Reinbold narc-tech swabbed the white substance on the digital scale that had been found in Zuehlke's pocket and that item tested positive for methamphetamine as well.

The wallet was found at the intersection of Broad and Washington Streets where Zuehlke had possessed and lost it. That intersection is within a block of Immanuel Lutheran School.

## 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**

Craig Frericks  
Commander  
710 S Front St  
Mankato, MN 56001-3803  
Badge: 3102

Electronically Signed:  
05/06/2016 03:18 PM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

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

Electronically Signed:  
05/06/2016 03:16 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 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

*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: May 6, 2016.

**Judicial Officer**

Bradley C Walker  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/06/2016 03:25 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.

**ROBERT EUGENE ZUEHLKE**

Defendant

*LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE  
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Order of  
Detention upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: