

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-16-0638
07-CR-16-2604

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

MATTHEW JOSEPH HITE DOB: 11/29/1984

1580 Parkwood Drive Apt 307
Woodbury, MN 55125

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: Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.52.3(2)

Maximum Sentence: 10 years and/or \$20,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/26/2014 to 09/08/2014

Control #(ICR#): 15011139

Charge Description: Matthew Joseph Hite

On or between June 26, 2014 and September 8, 2014, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Matthew Joseph Hite, did, intentionally and without claim of right take, use, transfer, conceal or retain possession of the movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property; and the value of the property or services stolen exceeded \$5,000.00.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On April 20, 2015 Officer Jamie Eggersdorfer with the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to a theft complaint at the Minnesota National Guard Armory in Mankato. During the course of the investigation Matthew Joseph Hite was identified as the suspect in the theft. Officer Eggersdorfer determined that Hite had been using his personal Navy Federal Credit Union account in order to handle monetary funds associated with a banquet that had been arranged by the Minnesota Army National Guard at the Treasure Island Resort and Casino. The total bill for the event was over \$33,033. Hite was supposed to pay vendors associated with the banquet from a Minnesota Army National Guard Paypal account; instead Hite was diverting the Paypal funds into his own personal account at Navy Federal Credit Union.

Minnesota National Guard staff learned that a portion of the vendor fees for the banquet were still outstanding on April 10, 2015. The banquet occurred in 2014. At the time Officer Eggersdorfer received the information from the Minnesota Army National Guard the outstanding balance was \$9,440.40. Minnesota Army National Guard staff began researching the outstanding debt since the fee was previously believed to have been paid in full. Upon investigating the incident it was determined that a Navy Federal Credit Union account was used and that the account is not associated with the Minnesota Army National Guard.

Minnesota Army National Guard staff contacted Hite on April 10, 2015. Hite stated that he 'fucked up' and was paying back the debt but provided no further explanation. Minnesota Army National Guard staff learned that Hite begin a payment plan with Treasure Island Resort and Casino on February 17, 2015. The payment plan involved Hite's own personal funds. Minnesota Army National Guard officers believe that Hite used the dinner registration money for his own benefit rather than its intended purpose. Minnesota Army National Guard staff discontinued the investigation into the incident to avoid disrupting a criminal investigation to be conducted by Officer Eggersdorfer.

Officer Eggersdorfer, through the use of a search warrant, obtained records from the PayPal account used by the Minnesota Army National Guard to pay for the banquet as well as records from Hite's personal bank account with Navy Federal credit Union. The records show the following transfers from the Minnesota Army National Guard's account to Hite's Navy Federal credit union account:

June 26, 2014 ' deposit ' PayPal transfer ' \$400

July 1, 2014 ' deposit ' PayPal transfer ' \$1,300

July 9, 2014 ' deposit ' PayPal transfer \$1,000

July 14, 2014 ' deposit ' PayPal transfer ' \$1,000

July 16, 2014 ' deposit ' PayPal transfer ' \$1,000

July 21, 2014 ' deposit ' PayPal transfer ' \$1,400

July 22, 2014 ' deposit ' PayPal transfer ' \$500

July 29, 2014 ' deposit ' PayPal transfer ' \$500

August 6, 2014 ' deposit ' PayPal transfer ' \$300

August 19, 2014 ' deposit ' PayPal transfer ' \$800

August 22, 2014 ' deposit ' PayPal transfer ' \$700

September 2, 2014 ' deposit ' PayPal transfer ' \$2,000

September 4, 2014 ' deposit ' PayPal transfer ' \$500

September 8, 2014 ' deposit ' PayPal transfer ' \$750

The total amount stolen from the Minnesota Army National Guard by Hite between June 26, 2014 and September 8, 2014 is \$11,430.

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
Detective Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3143

Electronically Signed:
06/27/2016 11:21 AM
Blue Earth County, mn

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Michael Hanson
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
06/20/2016 04:04 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.

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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: June 27, 2016.

Judicial Officer

Kurt D Johnson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/27/2016 04:26 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.

MATTHEW JOSEPH HITE

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: