

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.  
Court File No.

BEC-16-0818  
07-CR-16-2250

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**MICHELLE RENEE ROETHLER DOB: 10/01/1982**

426 N Broadway  
New Ulm, MN 56073

Defendant.

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**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: Giving Peace Officer False Name-of Another Person**

Minnesota Statute: 609.506.2

Maximum Sentence: 1 year and/or \$3,000

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

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

Control #(ICR#): 16013329

Charge Description: Michelle Renee Roethler

On or about May 6, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Michelle Renee Roethler did, with intent to obstruct justice, give the name and date of birth of another person to a peace officer when that officer makes inquiries incident to a lawful investigatory stop or lawful arrest, or inquiries incident to executing any other duty imposed by law.

**COUNT II**

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

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.52.3(5)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days and/or \$1,000

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

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

Control #(ICR#): 16013329

Charge Description: Michelle Renee Roethler

On or about May 6, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Michelle Renee Roethler 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.

### COUNT III

**Charge: Trespass-Return to Property Within One Year**

Minnesota Statute: 609.605.1(b)(8)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days and/or \$1,000

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

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

Control #(ICR#): 16013329

Charge Description: Michelle Renee Roethler

On or about May 6, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Michelle Renee Roethler did return to the property of another within one year after being told to leave the property and not to return, and the actor is without claim of right to the property or consent of one with authority to consent.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On May 6, 2016 at about 9:52 p.m., Officer Vitale responded to a report of a trespasser at Wal-Mart in Mankato, Blue Earth County. Upon arrival, he spoke with W1, a loss prevention officer at Wal-Mart. W1 told the officer that he saw a woman in the store that he recognized as Michelle Renee Roethler, the defendant, and was aware that she had recently been trespassed from the store. He surveilled her while she was in the store and watched her select a container of Stop Leak in the automotive department. W1 watched as the defendant concealed the merchandise in her purse, then pass all points of sale and leave the store. At the time of the officer's arrival, the defendant was seated in a vehicle in the parking lot. As Officer Vitale approached, she got out of the vehicle and met the officer. The officer asked the defendant for identification and she stated that she did not have a purse or identification with her. She identified herself as SMD, DOB 7-28-1980. Officers searched her vehicle and located the container of Stop Leak. They also found her purse with identification in it, identifying the defendant as Roethler. Officer Vitale ran a driver's license check record on SMD and found that a person with that name and date of birth existed. He compared the photo of SMD with the defendant and it was not a match. A driver's license check of the photo of Roethler was a match.

## 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:  
06/01/2016 01:13 PM  
Blue Earth County, mn

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Linda B. Hilligoss  
Assistant Blue Earth County  
Attorney  
401 Carver Road  
PO Box 3129  
Mankato, MN 56002  
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:  
06/01/2016 08:12 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.

*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: June 1, 2016.

**Judicial Officer**

Krista J Jass  
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 06/01/2016 03:00 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.

**MICHELLE RENEE ROETHLER**

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: