

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-16-1682
07-CR-16-4076

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

NATASHA MICHAEL MARS DOB: 01/29/1989

3622 Newton Ave. N
Minneapolis, MN 55412

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: Promotes Prostitution-Under 18 yr Old

Minnesota Statute: 609.322.1(a)(2)

Maximum Sentence: 15 years and/or \$40,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/14/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16031260

Charge Description: Natasha Michael Mars

On or about October 14, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Natasha Michael Mars while acting other than as a prostitute or patron, did intentionally promote the prostitution of an individual.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 14, 2016 at approximately 5:22 PM officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety conducted an undercover vice operation in the City of Mankato. Two individuals were arrested: Natasha Michael Mars and Lenna Saree Whitson. Whitson made a prostitution agreement with an undercover officer at a hotel in the City of Mankato. Mars transported Whitson in her vehicle to the prostitution arrangement.

Prior to the operation, Detective Tom Rother observed ads for prostitution in Backpage.com. Investigator Marc Chadderdon of the Nicollet County Sheriff's Office contacted an ad named 'Carmen.' Through texts and conversations it was determined that 'Carmen' was Whitson. It was agreed that Investigator Chadderdon would pay \$200 to Whitson for one hour of service. Investigator Chadderdon and Whitson met in the lobby of the hotel. They then discussed what services the \$200 would cover. Whitson was then arrested.

Mars was also arrested. Detective Rother interviewed Mars. Mars stated she had come to Mankato earlier in the evening and that she posts on Backpage.com. Mars gave Detective Rother permission to look through her phone. In Mars' phone Detective Rother found messages with prices which are consistent with prostitution. Mars claimed that she was only giving a friend a ride to the hotel and did not know that Whitson was there for prostitution.

It should be noted that officers observed both Mars and Whitson drive directly from one hotel to the hotel where the arranged agreement was to take place.

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

Daniel Schisel
Police Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3135

Electronically Signed:
10/17/2016 10:34 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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:
10/17/2016 10:23 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: October 17, 2016.

Judicial Officer

Bradley C Walker
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/17/2016 10:45 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.

NATASHA MICHAEL MARS

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: