

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070107865
Court File No. 07-CR-24-1858

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BRENT DAVID STEINKOPF DOB: 12/14/1982

No Permanent Address
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Warrant

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/Drive Motor Vehicle-No Owner Consent

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(17), with reference to: 609.52.3(3)(d)(v)

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/28/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24010915

Charge Description: On or about April 28, 2024, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Brent David Steinkopf did take or drive a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner or an authorized agent of the owner, knowing or having reason to know that the owner or authorized agent did not give consent.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On April 28, 2024, at about 2:51 p.m. Victim 1 reported to the Mankato Department of Public Safety that his car had been stolen.

Victim 1's car was a 2006 Buick Lucerne with Minnesota plates NXA 333. Victim 1 parked the car at his workplace at about 6:30 a.m. The car was parked next to the business. After work, Victim 1 discovered that his car was gone.

CCTV captured video of the suspect walking toward the missing Buick. When Victim 1 arrived at work, the individual had talked to Victim 1 and a co-worker about needing transportation to St. Peter.

Police entered the stolen car's information as stolen and sent a teletype to law enforcement at 3:24 p.m. The Eden Prairie Police Department located the car and contacted the Mankato Department of Public Safety at 11:49 p.m.

CCTV images of the suspect were shared with other law enforcement officers in the Mankato area. The suspect was identified as Brent David Steinkopf (DOB 12/14/1992).

On April 30th, Victim 1 brought the Buick to the MDPS and showed an officer things in his car that were not his. These included vape pens, a metal pipe, and a government document in the name of Brent Steinkopf. DNA samples were collected.

Steinkopf is currently charged with Felony Theft of a Motor Vehicle in Blue Earth County File 07-CR-23-3740 which is set for a settlement conference on June 3, 2024.

Steinkopf is currently housed in the Blue Earth County Jail and a Complaint/Warrant is accordingly 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

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

Electronically Signed:
05/20/2024 08:28 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
05/20/2024 08:06 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 as directed in the Notice of Hearing before the above-named court 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: \$50,000.00

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 20, 2024.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/20/2024 08:56 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA

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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: