

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

0070107212
07-CR-24-684

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

Summons

vs.

CASIMER DEVON TIPTON DOB: 02/05/1980

1501 Eastport Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

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: Drugs - 1st Degree - Sale - 10 grams or more heroin

Minnesota Statute: 152.021.1(3), with reference to: 152.021.3(a)

Maximum Sentence: 30 years or \$1,000,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/14/2023

Control #(ICR#): 23020417

Charge Description: On or about August 14, 2023, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Casimer Devon Tipton did unlawfully sell one or more mixtures of a total weight of ten grams or more, or 40 dosage units or more, containing heroin or fentanyl within a 90 day period.

COUNT II

Charge: Drugs - 2nd Degree - Possess 6 grams or more heroin

Minnesota Statute: 152.022.2(a)(3), with reference to: 152.022.3(a)

Maximum Sentence: 25 years or \$500,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/14/2023

Control #(ICR#): 23020417

Charge Description: On or about August 14, 2023, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Casimer Devon Tipton did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures of a total weight of six grams or more, or 50 dosage units or more, containing heroin or fentanyl.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 14, 2023, agents with the Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force (DTF) conducted a controlled purchase utilizing a Confidential Informant (CI). The CI was in contact with Casimer Devon Tipton DOB: 02/05/1980 and arranged a purchase of 50 MBox 30 Fentanyl pills for \$300. DTF agents are aware that Mbox 30 pills typically contain fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance.

The DTF agents conducted a pre-buy meeting with the CI. The CI and their vehicle were searched and no contraband was found. The CI was given prerecorded buy fund money and briefed on the location of the purchase. The buy was to take place at a location in Blue Earth County.

The CI got into their vehicle and drove to the location of the buy. The CI parked in a parking lot and waited for the Tipton. Tipton exited a nearby residence and approached the CI's vehicle. Tipton got into the passenger seat and placed five small plastic bag bindles into the cup holder of the vehicle.

The CI gave Tipton the money which Tipton counted in front of the CI. Tipton exited the vehicle and walked back toward the residence. The CI exited the parking lot and drove back to meet with DTF agents. The CI provided the DTF agents with the pills they purchased from Tipton. The CI and their vehicle were searched again and no contraband was found.

DTF agents processed the pills, weighed them and packaged them. There were five small corner cut baggies each containing ten small blue tablets imprinted with Mbox30 pills, which Agents suspected of containing fentanyl based on their training and experience. They weighed in at 5.4 grams including packaging.

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:
02/27/2024 11:42 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Thomas P. McDermott
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
02/27/2024 08:21 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: \$

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: February 27, 2024.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 02/27/2024 12:11 PM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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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: