

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070107372  
Court File No. 07-CR-24-1940

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State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**HANNAH LEE COONEY DOB: 09/18/1991**

48817 State Hwy 22  
Kasota, MN 56050

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Summons

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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: Traffic Regulation - Driver Fails to Stop for STOP Sign.**

Minnesota Statute: 169.20.3(b), with reference to: 169.89.1(1)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 11/22/2023

Control #(ICR#): 23202609

Charge Description: On or about November 22, 2023, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Hannah Lee Cooney, did fail to obey a stop sign, as required herein, at an intersection where a stop sign is erected at one or more entrances thereto although not a part of a through highway, and failed to proceed cautiously, failing to yield to vehicles not so obliged to stop which are within the intersection or approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard, and did so in a manner or under circumstances so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property.

## **STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

On November 22, 2023, at approximately 4:13pm law enforcement was dispatched to vehicle accident at the intersection of Minnesota Highway 14 and Minnesota Highway 60 in Le Ray Township in Blue Earth County, Minnesota. Upon investigation, law enforcement learned that Hannah Lee Cooney (DOB: 09/18/1991) was the sole occupant of an SUV traveling southbound on Highway 60. Highway 60 has a stop sign directing traffic to stop before entering the intersection with Highway 14. Highway is crossroad with no stop sign. Cooney proceeded into the intersection failing to yield to cross traffic. Victim 1 was driving a Kenworth semi-truck traveling westbound on US Highway 14 approaching the intersection of MN Highway 60 when Cooney's SUV entered the intersection and was struck in the driver's side by the Kenworth. Victim 1 was driving the Kenworth and did not have a stop signal. Witness 1 reported Cooney's SUV was stopped at the stop sign immediately prior to entering the intersection; however, failed to yield to the Kenworth causing the Kenworth to strike the SUV. The SUV subsequently became engulfed in flames and Cooney was airlifted to the Emergency Department with series injuries. Victim 1 was transported to the emergency department via ground ambulance with minor injuries.

## 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**

Gabe Cornish  
MINNESOTA STATE TROOPER  
LIEUTENANT  
2171 Bassett Drive  
Mankato, MN 56001-6888  
Badge: 2203

Electronically Signed:  
05/23/2024 12:02 PM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Ashley N Jones Turner  
Prosecuting Attorney  
401 Carver Road  
PO Box 3129  
Mankato, MN 56002  
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:  
05/20/2024 01:45 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 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: May 23, 2024.

**Judicial Officer**

Greg Anderson  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/23/2024 01:15 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.

**Hannah Lee Cooney**

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: