

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070106367
Court File No. 07-CR-23-4293

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RALPH WILLIAM HAZELTON JR DOB: 11/27/1981

724 Southhaven Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

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 - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana (Felony)

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(1), with reference to: 152.025.4(b)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/17/2023

Control #(ICR#): 23018828

Charge Description: On or about November 17, 2023, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ralph William Hazelton Jr did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except a small amount of marijuana and the weight of the substance is greater than .25 grams or 1 dosage unit or has a prior chapter 152 conviction.

COUNT II

Charge: Prohib f/Poss Pistol-Possess/Use Tear Gas/Stun Gun

Minnesota Statute: 624.731.3(b), with reference to: 624.731.8(a)(1)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/17/2023

Control #(ICR#): 23018828

Charge Description: On or about November 17, 2023, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ralph William Hazelton Jr did possess or use an authorized tear gas compound or an electronic incapacitation device and is prohibited from possessing a pistol pursuant to section 624.713, subdivision 1, clause (2).

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On November 17, 2023, Deputy Rother became aware of the location of Ralph Hazelton Jr. who had an active warrant for his arrest. Deputy Rother made contact with Hazelton in Blue Earth County. Hazelton was arrested. On Hazelton's person, Deputy Rother located approximately 3.9 grams of suspected methamphetamine. Deputy Rother also located a working stun knuckle incapacitation device.

Hazelton has a prior felony third degree controlled substance conviction in 07-CR-19-3164.

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

Paul Barta
Captain
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2721

Electronically Signed:
11/20/2023 09:28 AM
Blue Earth County, MN

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Taylor Fast
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
11/20/2023 09:18 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.

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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: November 20, 2023.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/20/2023 09:37 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.

Ralph William Hazelton Jr

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: