

State of Minnesota
County of Olmsted

District Court
3rd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0550052420
Court File No. 55-CR-20-7179

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS LEE MEYER DOB: 10/14/1968

848 Center St W
#A4
Rochester, MN 55902

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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: Possess Pornographic Work-Computer Disk/Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/Porn

Minnesota Statute: 617.247.4(a)

Maximum Sentence:

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2020

Control #(ICR#): 19013101

Charge Description: On or about March 19, 2020, within the County of Olmsted, Thomas Lee Meyer did wrongfully, unlawfully, and feloniously, possess a pornographic work or a computer disk or computer or other electronic, magnetic, or optical storage system or a storage system of any other type, containing a pornographic work, knowing or with reason to know its content and character.

COUNT II

Charge: Possess Pornographic Work-Computer Disk/Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/Porn

Minnesota Statute: 617.247.4(a)

Maximum Sentence:

Offense Level: Felony

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COUNT III**Charge: Possess Pornographic Work-Computer Disk/Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/Porn**

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COUNT IV**Charge: Possess Pornographic Work-Computer Disk/Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/Porn**

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COUNT V**Charge: Possess Pornographic Work-Computer Disk/Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/Porn**

Minnesota Statute: 617.247.4(a)

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COUNT VI**Charge: Possess Pornographic Work Minor Under 13**

Minnesota Statute: 617.247.4(b)

Maximum Sentence:

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2020

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COUNT VII

Charge: Possess Pornographic Work Minor Under 13

Minnesota Statute: 617.247.4(b)

Maximum Sentence:

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2020

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COUNT VIII

Charge: Possess Pornographic Work Minor Under 13

Minnesota Statute: 617.247.4(b)

Maximum Sentence:

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2020

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COUNT IX

Charge: Possess Pornographic Work Minor Under 13

Minnesota Statute: 617.247.4(b)

Maximum Sentence:

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2020

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COUNT X

Charge: Possess Pornographic Work Minor Under 13

Minnesota Statute: 617.247.4(b)

Maximum Sentence:

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2020

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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

Your complainant is a licensed peace officer employed by the Rochester Police Department. In that capacity your Complainant has reviewed the police reports relating to Thomas Lee Meyer, the above-named defendant, and the allegations contained therein. Based upon that information, your complainant believes the following to be true and correct.

In January 2019, the Rochester Police Department was notified of several images of suspected child pornography on a device registered to THOMAS LEE MEYER (DOB 10/14/68). Administrative subpoenas were sent to Charter Communications who provided information that the IP address was associated with Witness 1 (adult female identified in police reports). A target account from Adobe Systems was also identified and the customer name on the account was "Thomas Meyer." Witness 1's address was listed as being in SE Rochester, MN, Olmsted County. A records check was conducted and it appeared that THOMAS LEE MEYER (DOB 10/14/68) also resided at the address. The two email addresses associated with the address appeared to belong to Witness 1 and Meyer respectively.

Witness 1 told Inv. Weber that she owns the residence in SE Rochester and Meyer resides in one of the units. Meyer has access to the whole house.

A search warrant was granted for Meyer's residence and a search was conducted on March 19, 2020. Meyer stated that he lived in the residence alone and no one else uses his computer. Meyer denied looking at images of child pornography. Meyer stated that his Adobe account was hacked so he switched emails. Meyers computer, cell phone and a tablet were collected.

A search of Meyer's phone revealed images of child pornography. Meyer spoke with Inv. Weber and again denied having child pornography on his phone. Inv. Weber confronted Meyer and told him that images were found on his phone and it appeared he viewed the images from his home. Meyer then admitted to viewing images. He acknowledged viewing thousands of images on his phone and that he deleted the images that were on his phone.

Some of the images were described as:

- 1) an approximately six-year-old female with her genitals exposed and a male standing behind her with an erection.
- 2) an approximately six-year-old female with her vagina exposed and penetrating herself.

- 3) an approximately ten-year-old nude male stimulating his penis.
- 4) an approximately six-year-old female laying nude with her vagina exposed and a white liquid substance on her stomach.
- 5) an approximately seven-year-old boy standing nude and simulating masturbation.
- 6) an approximately seven-year-old female performing oral sex on another female.
- 7) an approximately six-year-old female with her vagina exposed and a sex toy near her vagina.
- 8) an approximately eight-year-old laying nude with her vagina exposed.
- 9) an approximately eight-year-old laying nude with her vagina exposed.
- 10) an approximately eight-year-old laying on a bed with her legs in the air exposing her vagina and anus.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: YOU MUST APPEAR FOR EVERY COURT HEARING REGARDING THIS CASE. FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR COURT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL CHARGES BEING IMPOSED AND PUNISHED AS PROVIDED IN MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 609.49.

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

Todd Schwanke
Investigator
101 4th Street SE
Rochester, MN 55904-3761
Badge: 2303

Electronically Signed:
12/16/2020 05:24 AM
Olmsted County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Arianna Whitney
151 4th Street SE
Government Center - 3rd Floor
Rochester, MN 55904
(507) 328-7600

Electronically Signed:
12/15/2020 12:56 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

THEFFFORF YOU THF DEFFENDANT ARE SUMMONED to appear on **January 6, 2021 at 9:00 AM**

Please see attached Remote Hearing Instructions

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: December 16, 2020.

Judicial Officer

Kathy M. Wallace

Electronically Signed: 12/16/2020 08:53 AM

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

**COUNTY OF OLMSTED
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Thomas Lee Meyer

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:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: Thomas Lee Meyer
DOB: 10/14/1968
Address: 848 Center St W
#A4
Rochester, MN 55902

Alias Names/DOB:

SID:

Height:

Weight: 0lbs.

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender:

Race:

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: No

Driver's License #:

Alcohol Concentration:

STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

Cnt Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Nbrs and Descriptions	Offense Level	MOC	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Case Numbers
1	Charge	3/19/2020	617.247.4(a) Possess Pornographic Work-Computer Disk/Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/Porn	Felony	O1C91		MN0550100	19013101
2	Charge	3/19/2020	617.247.4(a) Possess Pornographic Work-Computer Disk/Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/Porn	Felony	O1C91		MN0550100	19013101
3	Charge	3/19/2020	617.247.4(a) Possess Pornographic Work-Computer Disk/Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/Porn	Felony	O1C91		MN0550100	19013101
4	Charge	3/19/2020	617.247.4(a) Possess Pornographic Work-Computer Disk/Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/Porn	Felony	O1C91		MN0550100	19013101
5	Charge	3/19/2020	617.247.4(a) Possess Pornographic Work-Computer Disk/Electronic/Magnetic/Optical Image w/Porn	Felony	O1C91		MN0550100	19013101
6	Charge	3/19/2020	617.247.4(b) Possess Pornographic Work; Prior conviction; Registered predatory offender; Minor under 13	Felony	O1CC1		MN0550100	19013101
7	Charge	3/19/2020	617.247.4(b) Possess Pornographic Work; Prior conviction; Registered predatory offender; Minor under 13	Felony	O1CC1		MN0550100	19013101
8	Charge	3/19/2020	617.247.4(b) Possess Pornographic Work; Prior conviction; Registered predatory offender; Minor under 13	Felony	O1CC1		MN0550100	19013101
9	Charge	3/19/2020	617.247.4(b) Possess Pornographic Work; Prior conviction; Registered predatory offender; Minor under 13	Felony	O1CC1		MN0550100	19013101
10	Charge	3/19/2020	617.247.4(b) Possess Pornographic Work; Prior conviction; Registered predatory offender; Minor under 13	Felony	O1CC1		MN0550100	19013101