State of Minnesota County of Goodhue

District Court 1st Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

21CR01519 25-CR-21-581

State of Minnesota,

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff.

Order of Detention

VS.

CHARLES WILLIAM CHILDS DOB: 08/03/1991

21127 Mateo Circle Welch, MN 55089

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: Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence

Minnesota Statute: 624.713.1(2), with reference to: 624.713.2(b) Maximum Sentence: 15 years imprisonment, a \$30,000 fine or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21000923

Charge Description: On or about 03/19/2021, within the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, defendant possessed ammunition or a pistol or semiautomatic military-style assault weapon, or any other firearm, and defendant has been convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent or convicted as an extended jurisdiction juvenile for committing, in this state or elsewhere, a crime of violence as defined in M.S. 624.712, Subd. 5.

COUNT II

Charge: Theft

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.52.3(2) Maximum Sentence: 10 years imprisonment, a \$20,000 fine or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21000923

Charge Description: On or about 03/19/2021, within the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, the defendant intentionally and without claim of right, took, used, transferred, concealed, or retained possession of moveable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property, and that the value of the property or services stolen is more than \$5000, or if the property stolen was an article representing a trade secret, an explosive or

incendiary device, or a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or II pursuant to section 152.02 with the exception of marijuana, to wit, approximately \$37,095 value.

COUNT III

Charge: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1, with reference to: 609.222.1

Maximum Sentence: 7 years imprisonment, a \$14,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21000923

Charge Description: On or about 03/19/2021, within the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, defendant assaulted another with a dangerous weapon, to-wit: defendant drove a stolen squad car at a vehicle occupied by Sergeant Sather and causing injury to Sergeant Sather.

COUNT IV

Charge: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1, with reference to: 609.222.1

Maximum Sentence: 7 years imprisonment, a \$14,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21000923

Charge Description: On or about 03/19/2021, within the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, defendant assaulted another with a dangerous weapon, to-wit: defendant drove a stolen squad car at a vehicle occupied by Officer Huberty and causing injury to Officer Huberty.

COUNT V

Charge: Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Public Safety Motor Vehicle

Minnesota Statute: 609.595.1(2), with reference to: 609.595.1 Maximum Sentence: 5 years imprisonment, a \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21000923

Charge Description: On or about 03/19/2021, within the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, defendant intentionally caused damage to physical property of another without the latter's consent, and the property damaged was a public safety motor vehicle, the defendant knew the vehicle was a public safety motor vehicle, and the damage to the vehicle caused a substantial interruption or impairment of public safety service or a reasonably foreseeable risk of bodily harm.

COUNT VI

Charge: Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Value Reduced Over \$1000

Minnesota Statute: 609.595.1(4), with reference to: 609.595.1 Maximum Sentence: 5 years imprisonment, a \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21000923

Charge Description: On or about 03/19/2021, within the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, defendant intentionally caused damage to physical property of another without the latter's consent and the damage reduced the value of the property by more than \$1,000 measured by the cost of repair and replacement.

COUNT VII

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 imprisonment, a \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21000923

Charge Description: On or about 03/19/2021, within the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, the defendant intentionally took or drove a motor vehicle of another without the consent of the owner, to wit, defendant took Officer Stevens' squad car.

COUNT VIII

Charge: Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle

Minnesota Statute: 609.487.3, with reference to: 609.487.3

Maximum Sentence: 3 years and one day imprisonment, a \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21000923

Charge Description: On or about 03/19/2021, within the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, defendant, by means of a motor vehicle, did flee or attempt to flee a peace officer who was acting in the lawful discharge of an official duty, and defendant knew or should reasonably have known the same to be a peace officer.

COUNT IX

Charge: Interference with Emergency Communications

Minnesota Statute: 609.776, with reference to: 609.776

Maximum Sentence: 3 years imprisonment, a \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21000923

Charge Description: On or about 03/19/2021, within the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, defendant, without prior authorization, broadcasted or transmitted on , interfered with, blocked, or cross-patched another frequency onto a law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical services, emergency radio frequency or channel, any assigned or alternate emergency frequency or channel, or an official cellular telephone communication of a law enforcement agency, a fire department, or emergency medical services provider, knowing, or having reason to know that the act created a risk of obstructing, preventing, or misdirecting official law enforcement, firefighting, or emergency medical services communications.

COUNT X

Charge: Possess/Use Police Radio While Committing Felony - Acts Constituting

Minnesota Statute: 609.856.1, with reference to: 609.856.1

Maximum Sentence: 3 years imprisonment, a \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21000923

Charge Description: On or about 03/19/2021, within the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, defendant had in possession or used a radio or device capable of receiving or transmitting a police radio signal, message, or transmission of information used for law enforcement purposes, while in the commission of a felony.

COUNT XI

Charge: Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer

Minnesota Statute: 609.50.1(2), with reference to: 609.50.2(2)

Maximum Sentence: 1 year in jail, a \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21000923

Charge Description: On or about 03/19/2021, within the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, defendant intentionally obstructed, hindered, or prevented the lawful execution of any legal process, civil or criminal, or apprehension of another on a charge or conviction of a criminal offense; or obstructed, hindered, resisted, or interfered with a peace officer while the officer was engaged in the performance of official duties and the act is accompanied by force or the threat thereof.

COUNT XII

Charge: Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety

Minnesota Statute: 171.24.5, with reference to: 171.24.5 Maximum Sentence: 1 year in jail, a \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/19/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21000923

Charge Description: On or about 03/19/2021, within the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, defendant, a person whose driver's license or driving privileges had been canceled or denied under 171.04 Subd. 1(10), and who had been given notice of, or reasonably should have known of the cancellation or denial, disobeyed such order by operating anywhere in this state a motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, while such license or privilege was canceled or denied.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

On March 19, 2021 at approximately 10:02 a.m. Officer Stevens of the Prairie Island Police Department (PIPD) had responded to a domestic assault incident at the location of 2077 Other Day Road in Welch Township, Goodhue County, Minnesota. During this time, at approximately 10:05 a.m., the PIPD reported a male identified as CHARLES WILLIAM CHILDS, DOB: 08/03/1991 having stolen a squad from the scene and was actively being pursued by the PIPD.

Officer Stevens had notified Dispatch prior that CHILDS left from the scene in an off-highway vehicle (OHV) as he arriving at the residence. Officer Stevens said CHILDS had also gave him the middle finger as he took off in the OHV. Officer Vanderkooi of the Red Wing Police Department (RWPD) responded emergent to assist. It was later determined that prior to stealing the squad car, CHILDS rammed his OHV into one of the garage service doors at the Prairie Island Police Department, damaging the door.

While responding, PIPD Chief Priem stated he was behind the stolen police squad, a Chevy Tahoe, and CHILDS was refusing to stop and had turned onto northbound County Road 18 from Sturgeon Lake Road. Chief Priem said he lost sight of the stolen police squad near the area of County Road 18 and Prairie Island Blvd. Chief Priem said it appeared the stolen police squad had possibly turned left onto Prairie Island Blvd. Chief Priem said the stolen marked squad car was not operating with its emergency lights or siren.

During this time, CHILDS got onto the police radio and made erratic and bizarre comments about being tortured and blackmailed. CHILDS said he wanted off the reservation. CHILDS said he did not want to do this today. CHILDS said they were illegally torturing him. CHILDS said, "What is your fucking problem." CHILDS said, "Got your fucking squad car today....wouldn't listen to Vulnerable Adult for too long." Chief Priem requested Dispatch to remotely disable the radio in the stolen squad car, which was completed.

As the incident developed, Captain (Capt.) Hanson, Capt. Voxland, and Investigator (Inv.) Sjoblom of the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office deployed in the BearCat (armored vehicle) to the location.

As Chief Priem completed his sweep of the area, we both saw a marked PIPD vehicle going southbound on County Road 18. Chief Priem asked Officer Stevens if that was him; Officer Stevens replied, "No". Officer Vanderkooi reactivated his siren (emergency lights still activated) and got behind Chief Priem. Officer Vanderkooi saw CHILDS turn onto Church Road. As Chief Priem and Officer Vanderkooi were turning onto Church Road, a train approached causing the railroad crossing gates to come down preventing officer from following CHILDS. Chief Priem and Officer Vanderkooi proceeded towards the back of the Casino. Officer Vanderkooi then backed off for Chief Priem then met up with Officer Stevens who was in the back of Casino near Church Road.

As Officer Vanderkooi stayed near the back area of the Casino, Officer Stevens said CHILDS might ram the stolen squad into Chief Priem's squad. Officer Stevens said CHILDS was traveling 70 mph and Officer Stevens was not going to pursue CHILDS. Officer Stevens and Chief Priem said the vehicle was going westbound along the service road behind the Casino towards the employee lot. Officer Vanderkooi saw CHILDS turned from the Service road and travel towards the guest parking lots of the hotel/casino. Officer Vanderkooi saw Chief Priem and Officer Stevens not pursuing and Officer Vanderkooi deactivated his siren and emergency lights. Officer Vanderkooi did notice when initially coming into the hotel/casino parking lot area there was quite a bit of pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

As Officer Vanderkooi travelled around to the front of the casino towards the main entrance to the hotel, Officer Vanderkooi saw CHILDS driving slowly through the lot. Officer Vanderkooi observed CHILS drove the squad up onto a grassy section between the valet parking area and the hotel. Officer Vanderkooi saw the driver's side door open and CHILDS was holding the squad rifle in his hands. It appeared to Officer Vanderkooi that CHILDS had been trying to operate (load) the rifle while he stayed seated in the driver's seat with his body facing towards the opened door. Officer Vanderkooi did not see CHILDS point the rifle towards Officer Vanderkooi's direction when he opened the car door.

Officer Vanderkooi attempted to shout to people outside the casino to go back inside the casino. Chief Priem then stated CHILDS had the driver's door open and threw the rifle down. Chief Priem drove over the rifle, and was able to take control of the rifle and place it in Officer Vanderkooi's squad. Officer Vanderkooi later determined that the rifle was set to "fire," and there were no rounds in the chamber.

Officer Stevens stated CHILDS was on top of the stolen squad car. When Officer Vanderkooi grabbed the rifle, CHILDS closed the driver's door of the stolen squad and took off from the location with the emergency lights activated. The pursuit continued. Officers attempted to try the Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) maneuver on the stolen squad car in an attempt to end the pursuit. Sergeant (Sgt.) Lawler and Deputy Bowron set up stop sticks in an attempt to disable the vehicle. CHILDS hit the stop sticks and the tires of the squad were deflated.

Following the successful stop stick deployment, (right side tires deflating), CHILDS would return to his residence and pull into the driveway of the residence followed by multiple law enforcement vehicles (PIPD, RWPD, Dakota County, State Patrol, GCSO), where they would block him in. The BearCat would remain to the south continuing to assess the situation.

At approximately 10:40 a.m., CHILDS would briefly exited the stolen squad, and then return inside, then accelerated and rammed head on into an unmarked RWPD squad car at a high rate of speed, causing injuries to Sgt. Sather Sather and Officer Huberty of the Red Wing Police Department. CHILDS would then drive through the property perimeter fence and drive to the crowded Casino parking lot and eventually park in front of the Casino entrance.

Capt. Hanson, Capt. Voxland, and Inv. Sjoblom followed behind CHILDS and would utilize the BearCat to block access to the Casino, driving parallel to the stolen squad and directly in front of the entrance doors.

Shortly after blocking the Casino entrance, CHILDS would again drive away, driving through the parking lot and through several barriers and into overflow parking and event locations surrounding the Casino complex. CHILDS would continue to drive around the immediate area of the Casino, Sturgeon Lake Road and the open field directly west of his residence. It was determined that upon an opportunity, the BearCat would be utilized to "pin" or otherwise immobilize the stolen squad.

As feasible, officers would utilize the BearCat PA system to call out to CHILDS that he was under arrest and to stop the vehicle. CHILDS would repeatedly respond to our attempts to communicate by hanging out of the driver's window presenting officers the "middle finger" and continue driving.

Traveling through the open field, once he was again seated in the stolen squad, deputies would attempt a slow speed PIT on the rear driver-side of the stolen squad, however, CHILDS would speed up and avoid the attempt at contact. CHILDS would continue onto Sturgeon Lake Road.

At approximately 10:47, RWPD unmarked pickup truck would attempt a PIT maneuver on the stolen squad, traveling east on Sturgeon Lake Road, approaching Casino lot again. Capt. Hanson observed CHILDS

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power through the maneuver, spin westbound, and continue driving westbound towards the location in hear 2021 Bear Cat. At that time, Capt. Hanson directed Inv. Sjoblom to ram the rear passenger side of the stolen squad.

Moments later, Inv. Sjoblom steered the BearCat in a controlled manor into the rear passenger axle/fender location of the stolen squad. CHILDS drove through the impact and continued at a slow speed, westbound into the open field west of his residence.

Officers would follow behind, observing him stop the vehicle and then exit. CHILDS began walking westbound through the open field away from the vehicle. Deputies maneuvered to the north and prepare to assist converging units with taking CHILDS into custody, which included Deputy Goham and his K9 partner Valor.

While driving to the north of CHILDS' location, from the BearCat, Capt. Hanson observed CHILDS reach into his right pants pocket and remove a container, then begin to chew and swallow a large amount of a white crystal substance.

At approximately 10:48 a.m., CHILDS stopped walking and sat down in the open field and surrendered to approaching law enforcement and K9 unit. At that time, Capt. Hanson exited the BearCat to assist arresting officers and deputies.

Capt. Hanson assisted PIPD with handcuffing CHILDS, who was still in a seated position on the ground, maintaining a hostile demeanor towards law enforcement, refusing to go to the ground. Prior to Capt. Hanson's exiting the BearCat, CHILD had been tased by PIPD arresting officer, observing wires towards his rear. While PIPD was attempting to handcuff CHILDS, Capt. Hanson maintained control of CHILDS' left arm, at which time he broke his right arm from the arresting officers' grip (partially handcuffed) and CHILDS swung at Capt. Hanson with his fist and handcuff, however missing.

CHILDS continued to resist officers, but was eventually taken into custody.

Chief Priem received an estimate of approximately \$4,000.00 to replace the garage door at the Prairie Island Police Department. PIPD believes the stolen squad car was totaled. Chief Priem estimated the value of the stolen squad car to be approximately \$37,095.00.

A review of CHILDS' driving record shows his driver's license is Canceled as Inimical to Public Safety. A review of CHILDS' criminal history shows multiple convictions and/or adjudications of delinquency for crimes of violence, including, Second Degree Assault on 07/01/2009, Fifth Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance on 08/17/2012, Fifth Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance on 04/17/2017, and Fifth Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance on 01/24/2019.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 609.49., intentional failure to appear for duly scheduled court appearances may result in additional criminal charges, and in addition to any arrest warrant that may otherwise be issued by the Court.

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

James Wells

Captain 1960 Island Boulevard

Welch, MN 55089

Badge: 501

Electronically Signed: 03/22/2021 11:15 AM

Goodhue County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Jessica M. Perkins

Assistant County Attorney

454 W 6th Street Red Wing, MN 55066

(651) 267-4950

Electronically Signed: 03/22/2021 11:07 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).

COUNTY OF GOODHUE STATE OF MINNESOTA

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

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

VS.

Charles William Childs

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:

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DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Charles William Childs

A541021398310 (MN)

DOB:	08/03/1991
Address:	21127 Mateo Circle Welch, MN 55089
Alias Names/DOB:	
SID:	MN10DM6488
Height:	
Weight:	
Eye Color:	
Hair Color:	
Gender:	MALE
Race:	
Fingerprints Required per Statute:	Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:	Yes

Name:

Driver's License #:
Alcohol Concentration:

STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

Cnt Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Nbrs and Descriptions	Offense Level	МОС	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Case Numbers
1	Charge	3/19/2021	624.713.1(2) Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence	Felony	W1643	N	MNDI02100	21000923
	Penalty	3/19/2021	624.713.2(b) Possesses any type of firearm/ammo - Crime of Violence - ineligible under 624.713.1(2)	Felony	W1643	N	MNDI02100	21000923
2	Charge	3/19/2021	609.52.2(a)(1) Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent	Felony	VA021	N	MNDI02100	21000923
	Penalty	3/19/2021	609.52.3(2) Theft - Value over \$5,000 or trade secret, explosive, Controlled Substanc I or II	Felony e	VA021	N	MNDI02100	21000923
3	Charge	3/19/2021	609.222.1 Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon	Felony	A2343	N	MNDI02100	21000923
	Penalty	3/19/2021	609.222.1 Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon	Felony	A2343	N	MNDI02100	21000923
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	Penalty	3/19/2021	609.222.1 Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon	Felony	A2343	N	MNDI02100	21000923
i	Charge	3/19/2021	609.595.1(2) Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Public Safety Motor Vehicle	Felony	P11L0	N	MNDI02100	21000923
	Penalty	3/19/2021	609.595.1 Damage to Property-1st Degree	Felony	P11L0	N	MNDI02100	21000923
i	Charge	3/19/2021	609.595.1(4) Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Value Reduced Over \$1000	Felony	P111H	N	MNDI02100	21000923
	Penalty	3/19/2021	609.595.1 Damage to Property-1st Degree	Felony	P111H	N	MNDI02100	21000923
7	Charge	3/19/2021	609.52.2(a)(17) Theft-Take/Drive Motor Vehicle-No Owner Consent	Felony	V0071	N	MNDI02100	21000923
	Penalty	3/19/2021	609.52.3(3)(d)(v) Theft - Value \$1000 or less - Motor vehicle	Felony	V0071	N	MNDI02100	21000923
1	Charge	3/19/2021	609.487.3 Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle	Felony	E2700	N	MNDI02100	21000923
	Penalty	3/19/2021	609.487.3 Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle	Felony	E2700	N	MNDI02100	21000923
)	Charge	3/19/2021	609.776 Interfere with Emergency Communications	Felony	N1400	N	MNDI02100	21000923
	Penalty	3/19/2021	609.776 Interfere with Emergency Communications	Felony	N1400	N	MNDI02100	21000923
0	Charge	3/19/2021	609.856.1 Possess/Use Police Radio While Committing Felony - Acts Constituting	Felony	X1260	N	MNDI02100	21000923

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	Penalty	3/19/2021	609.856.1 Possess/Use Police Radio While Committing Felony - Acts Constituting	Felony	X1260	N	MNDI02100	State of Minnesota ²¹⁰⁰⁰ 3/22/2021	
11	Charge	3/19/2021	609.50.1(2) Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer	Gross Misdemeanor	X2080	N	MNDI02100	21000923	
	Penalty	3/19/2021	609.50.2(2) Obstruct Legal Process-Force/Violenc or Threat of	Gross ce Misdemeanor	X2080	N	MNDI02100	21000923	
12	Charge	3/19/2021	171.24.5 Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety	Gross Misdemeanor	J2901	N	MNDI02100	21000923	
	Penalty	3/19/2021	171.24.5 Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety	Gross Misdemeanor	J2901	N	MNDI02100	21000923	