

State of Minnesota
County of HennepinDistrict Court
4th Judicial DistrictProsecutor File No. 19010503
Court File No. 27-CR-19-25578

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

Summons

vs.

PAUL JOSEPH OWENS DOB: 01/24/19672820 Snelling Avenue N
Apt 211
Roseville, MN 55113-1734

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: 5th Degree Controlled Substance Possession - Gross Misdemeanor**

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(1)

Maximum Sentence: 0-1 year imprisonment and/or 0-\$3000 fine

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/07/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19010503

Charge Description: A person is guilty of controlled substance crime in the fifth degree and upon conviction may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 4 if the person unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, III, or IV, except a small amount of marijuana.

COUNT II**Charge: Disorderly Conduct-Offensive/Abusive/Noisy/Obscene**

Minnesota Statute: 609.72.1(3)

Maximum Sentence: Up to \$1,000 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/07/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19010503

Charge Description: Whoever engages in offensive, obscene, abusive, boisterous, or noisy conduct or in offensive, obscene, or abusive language tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger, or resentment in others in a public or private place, including on a school bus, knowing, or having reasonable grounds to know that it will, or will tend to, alarm, anger or disturb others or provoke an assault or breach of the peace, is guilty of disorderly conduct, which is a misdemeanor

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Your Complainant is a Detective with the Airport Police Department who states that he has read and reviewed the offense reports of Airport Police Sergeant Pat Reckinger and Airport Police Officer Tom Nerison and, based thereon, alleges the following:

On October 7, 2019, at approximately 4:07 a.m., Officers responded to a report of a male urinating in a garbage can near the Spirit Airlines ticketing area on the ticketing level of Terminal 1, in the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Airports Commission, County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota. Officers located the male, later identified as the above-named Defendant PAUL JOSEPH OWENS, DOB 01/24/1967 in the men's restroom near Spirit Airlines ticketing. Officers asked Defendant what happened, and Defendant admitted to "whipping it out" when his credit card was declined and stated that he did that because of "how men have been treated."

Sgt. Reckinger spoke with Delta employees identified as D.J.B. and A.A.H., who stated that they observed Defendant in the queue line for Delta Airlines ticketing stations 19 and 20. D.J.B. stated that she could hear Defendant yelling that he wanted to go the bathroom before he went behind the Delta Airlines ticketing station and appeared to unzip his pants. A.A.H. stated that she was working behind the ticketing counter when she heard Defendant yelling. A.A.H. stated that Defendant went behind the employee area of the ticket counter, stood near her, and appeared to unzip his pants. A.A.H. reported that Defendant appeared intoxicated or mentally ill and that Defendant's behavior seemed to catch the attention of customers and other employees. Defendant was placed under arrest.

During a search of Defendant incident to arrest, Defendant admitted to Officers that he had a vial of marijuana oil inside his left breast pocket of his suit coat that he bought in Las Vegas. Officer Nerison located a small plastic syringe inside a small plastic pouch labeled NuLeaf Reno Production LLC – Syringe – Ice Cream Cake (0.5g) – 445.5mg THC." Officer Nerison observed that the syringe contained a small amount of greenish-yellow liquid.

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

Mark Meyer
Detective
4300 Glumack Drive
Suite 3255
St Paul, MN 55111
Badge: 50

Electronically Signed:
10/14/2019 12:14 PM
Hennepin County, MN

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Christopher P. Renz
Prosecuting Attorney
17 Washington Avenue N
Suite #300
Minneapolis, MN 55401
(612) 339-7300

Electronically Signed:
10/08/2019 10:47 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 on **January 15, 2020 at 8:25 AM** before the above-named court at the address listed on the attached court summons 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: \$0.00

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: October 14, 2019.

Judicial Officer

Todd Fellman
Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/14/2019 12:23 PM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Paul Joseph Owens

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: Paul Joseph Owens
DOB: 01/24/1967
Address: 2820 Snelling Avenue N
Apt 211
Roseville, MN 55113-1734

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN16KB1387
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 250lbs.
Eye Color:
Hair Color:
Gender: MALE
Race:
Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes
Driver's License #: M313171253907 (MN)
Alcohol Concentration:

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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 | 10/7/2019 | 152.025.2(1) Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana | Gross Misdemeanor | D0500 | | MN0272500 | 19010503 |
| 2 | Charge | 10/7/2019 | 609.72.1(3) Disorderly Conduct - Offensive/Abusive/Boisterous/Noisy/O bscene | Misdemeanor | N3030 | | MN0272500 | 19010503 |



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