

State of Minnesota  
County of Rice

District Court  
3rd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0660010264  
Court File No. 66-CR-17-2033

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**JENNIFER DAWN OHM DOB: 05/14/1985**

325 Hoffman Dr. NW #123  
Owatonna, MN 55060

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Warrant

Amended

Tab Charge/Citation Previously Filed

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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: Arson-1st Degree-Dwelling**

Minnesota Statute: 609.561.1

Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$20,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/09/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16000845

Charge Description: On or about August 9, 2016, in the County of Rice, Minnesota, Jennifer Dawn Ohm did by means of fire or explosives, intentionally destroy or damage a building used as a dwelling or appurtenant to or connected with a dwelling,

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

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Complainant and/or Signing Officer designated below, declares under penalty of perjury, that he/she has reviewed police reports relating to the above-named Defendant and the allegations contained herein, and/or has spoken with peace officers having knowledge of the incident, and based upon that information, believes the following to be true and correct.

On August 9, 2016, at approximately 4:00 a.m. Rice County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a fire at 2885 140th Street West, Faribault, near Fox Lake in Forest Township, Rice County, State of Minnesota. The fire was in the basement room of the house occupied by the family. The homeowner, R.V. Sr, was found spraying water into the open window of the room where the fire started. R.V. Sr. stated the room was occupied by his son who was not home. Jennifer Dawn Ohm, a.k.a. Jennifer Dawn Bjorge, (DOB 05-14-1985), the defendant herein, was the only person present in the room when the fire started.

OHM was found in the ditch near the road, stated that she had left the residence when the fire started and went for help. There were occupants in the house and there was a trailer occupied by family members which were much closer than the area where OHM was found. OHM stated she had fallen asleep smoking and woke up to the fire. R.V. Jr., stated he had left his girlfriend, OHM, sleeping in the room at 2 am. and went to visit a former girlfriend. Deputies located a glass pipe with apparent meth residue in the room.

OHM stated she went to bed about 2:00-2:30 a.m. and woke up to a fire at the end of the bed with flames so large she could not get out the door. Ohm stated that she pulled an air conditioning unit out of the window and climbed out through the window to get out. OHM later told a friend that she intentionally started the fire to get back at R.V. Jr. and kill his dog. OHM made appointments to meet with investigators and the Fire Marshal on 8-11-16, 10-5-16 and 10-6-16, but did not keep the appointments.

Deputy Fire Marshall Ron Rahman investigated the case and determined the fire was unlikely to have occurred in the manner described by OHM and that a hot, smoky, fire as described by OHM would not have been escaped by pulling out the window air conditioner. Rahman performed a controlled burn on August 9, 2017, attempting to start a fire on a bed using cigarettes with the window closed as described by OHM, the bed did not start burning. Rahman then opened a window in the room and started a fire on the bed using newspaper and a hot, smoky fire similar to the one at 2885 140th Street West started to burn. Rahman concluded the fire was likely started intentionally, not by negligent smoking.

**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**

Troy Dunn  
Sheriff  
118 NW 3rd Street  
Faribault, MN 55021  
Badge: 1101

Electronically Signed:  
09/21/2017 11:04 AM  
Rice County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

John Fossum  
Rice County Attorney  
218 NW 3rd Street  
Faribault, MN 55021  
(507) 332-6103

Electronically Signed:  
09/21/2017 10:30 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 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM before the above-named court at 218 NW 3rd Street, Faribault, MN 55021 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: \$5,000.00

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: September 21, 2017.

**Judicial Officer**

John T Cajacob

Electronically Signed: 09/21/2017 11:15 AM

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

**COUNTY OF RICE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**Jennifer Dawn Ohm**

Defendant

*LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE  
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Warrant  
upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

## DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

**Name:** Jennifer Dawn Ohm  
**DOB:** 05/14/1985  
**Address:** 325 Hoffman Dr. NW #123  
Owatonna, MN 55060

**Alias Names/DOB:**  
**SID:**  
**Height:**  
**Weight:** 130lbs.  
**Eye Color:**  
**Hair Color:**  
**Gender:**  
**Race:**  
**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes  
**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** No  
**Handgun Permit:** No  
**Driver's License #:** Q117125009509 (MN)  
**Alcohol Concentration:**

## STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

<b>Cnt Nbr</b>	<b>Statute Type</b>	<b>Offense Date(s)</b>	<b>Statute Nbrs and Descriptions</b>	<b>Offense Level</b>	<b>MOC</b>	<b>GOC</b>	<b>Controlling Agencies</b>	<b>Case Numbers</b>
1	Charge	8/9/2016	609.561.1 Arson-1st Degree-Dwelling	Felony	F111A		MN0660000	16000845