

State of Minnesota
County of Rice

District Court
3rd Judicial District

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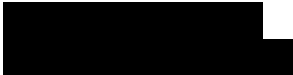
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66-CR-18-1807

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

SARA ELAINE KATRA DOB: 08/05/1978



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: Check Forgery-Offer/Possess W/Intent to Defraud

Minnesota Statute: 609.631.3, with reference to: 609.631.4(3)(a)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 12/08/2017 to 12/10/2017

Control #(ICR#): 18000052

Charge Description: On or about December 8, 2017 and December 10, 2017, in Rice County, Minnesota, Sara Elaine Katra, the defendant, with intent to defraud, did offer, or possess with intent to offer, a forged check, whether or not it is accepted, and the forged checks or checks are used to obtain or in an attempt to obtain, property or services of more than \$250, but not more than \$2,500, or the aggregate face amount of the forged check or checks is more than \$250, but not more than \$2,500, to wit: \$1,445.25.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

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 March 22, 2018, an employee at Menards, 100 Schilling Drive South, Dundas, Rice County, Minnesota, reported that "[REDACTED]" had passed several checks at Menards. Four checks were issued from "[REDACTED]" account:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Location</u>
12/8/17	1414	\$362.07	Menards/Dundas
12/9/17	1415	\$219.64	Menards/Dundas
12/10/17	1417	\$643.52	Menards/Dundas
12/10/17	1422	\$220.02	Menards/Dundas
Total:		\$1,445.25	

All four checks had the same signature and [REDACTED] driver's license number written on the checks. The checks were issued from a closed account. Menards sent a Notice and Demand for Payment to the last known address. Menards did not receive any payment.

The surveillance video from December 9, 2017, showed a female and male purchasing items.

On May 2, 2018, Dundas Police Officer Murray spoke to [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] has been deceased since September 9, 2015. He said someone must have taken an old checkbook and issued the checks. He said the account has been closed for one year.

On May 3, 2018, [REDACTED] reviewed the surveillance videos from Menards. He said the female resembled SARA ELAINE KATRA, date of birth 8/5/1978, the defendant herein, but he is not 100% sure. He said the defendant had been in his house when he was gone. He did not give the defendant or anyone else permission to issue the checks.

Dundas Police Officer Murray reviewed the surveillance videos; (the video for transaction involving #1417 is not available). The officer observed that the same female appeared in all three videos. The female issued the checks.

On June 23, 2018, Inv. Witt of the Rice County Sheriff's Office reviewed the surveillance video from December 9, 2017. Inv. Witt recognized the female in the video as the defendant.

On July 31, 2018, Officer Murray located the defendant in Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota. She denied knowing anything about the checks. When informed that she was on surveillance video passing the checks, the defendant said, "All right." She admitted she knew [REDACTED]. She denied passing the checks. She does not know if she had ever been inside [REDACTED] house.

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

Gordon Mincke
Chief
108 Demann Court
Dundas, MN 55019
Badge: 3801

Electronically Signed:
08/01/2018 08:54 AM
Rice County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Thao N. Trinh
Assistant Rice County Attorney
218 NW 3rd Street
Faribault, MN 55021
(507) 332-6103

Electronically Signed:
08/01/2018 08:50 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: \$
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: August 1, 2018.

Judicial Officer

Christine A Long
Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/01/2018 09:51 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.

Sara Elaine Katra

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:

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	12/8/2017	609.631.3 Check Forgery-Offer/Possess W/Intent to Defraud	Felony	C12C1		MN0660300	18000052
	Penalty	12/8/2017	609.631.4(3)(a) Check Forgery-Prop/Services Val \$251-\$2,500	Felony	C12C1		MN0660300	18000052