

State of Minnesota  
County of Dakota

District Court  
1st Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. CA-2019-00976  
Court File No. 19HA-CR-19-1013

**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention  
 Amended

**TABITHA SUE SIGLER DOB: 05/12/2000**

30701 Rendova Street Ne  
Cambridge, MN 55008

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: Assault in the 2nd Degree (Dangerous Weapon)**

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1

Maximum Sentence: 0-7 Years and/or \$4,200.00 - \$14,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/20/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19001127

Charge Description: On or about April 20, 2019, in the County of Dakota, Minnesota, TABITHA SUE SIGLER, did assault another with a dangerous weapon.

#### COUNT II

**Charge: Theft of a Motor Vehicle**

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.52.3(3)(d)(v)

Maximum Sentence: 0-5 Years and/or \$3,000.00 - \$10,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/20/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19001127

Charge Description: On or about April 20, 2019, in the County of Dakota, Minnesota, TABITHA SUE SIGLER, did intentionally and without claim of right take, use, transfer, conceal or retain possession of movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property, and the value of the property or services stolen is not more than \$1,000, and the property stolen is a motor vehicle.

#### COUNT III

**Charge: Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle**

Minnesota Statute: 609.487.3

Maximum Sentence: 0-3 Years Plus 1 Day and/or \$1,500.00 - \$5,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/20/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19001127

Charge Description: On or about April 20, 2019, in the County of Dakota, Minnesota, TABITHA SUE SIGLER, did flee or attempt to flee by means of a motor vehicle a peace officer who is acting in the lawful discharge of an official duty, and the perpetrator knows or should reasonably know the same to be a peace officer.

#### **COUNT IV**

**Charge: False Information to Police (False Name, Birthdate or ID Card)**

Minnesota Statute: 609.506.1

Maximum Sentence: 0-90 Days and/or \$300.00 - \$1,000.00

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 04/20/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19001127

Charge Description: On or about April 20, 2019, in the County of Dakota, Minnesota, TABITHA SUE SIGLER, did give a fictitious name other than a nickname, or give a false date of birth, or false or fraudulently altered identification card to a peace officer, with intent to obstruct justice, when that officer makes inquiries incident to a lawful investigatory stop or lawful arrest, or inquiries incident to executing any other duty imposed by law.

#### **COUNT V**

**Charge: Attempted Murder in the 1st Degree (Peace Officer, Prosecutor, Judge or Guard)**

Minnesota Statute: 609.185(a)(4), with reference to: 609.106.2(1), 609.11.4, 609.17.1

Maximum Sentence: 0 - 20 Years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/20/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19001127

Charge Description: On or about April 20, 2019, in the County of Dakota, Minnesota, TABITHA SUE SIGLER, did attempt to cause the death of a peace officer with intent to effect the death of that person or another, while the person was engaged in the performance of official duties and at the time of offense, the Defendant or an accomplice did use a dangerous weapon, to wit: a motor vehicle.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On or about April 20, 2019, at approximately 6:42 a.m., South St. Paul officers were dispatched to the area of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South toward Marie Avenue, South St. Paul, Dakota County, Minnesota, on a report that someone had stolen a white Jeep from a convenience store. The owner of the Jeep, M.K., had left it running with the keys in the ignition and a friend saw someone driving off in it. After the friend informed M.K. that someone was stealing his car, they followed it, reporting its whereabouts to dispatch until officers could locate them.

An officer located the Jeep in the area of Southview Boulevard approaching 4<sup>th</sup> Street South. The officer activated his squad car's emergency lights, but the Jeep did not stop, instead it made a fast and sharp turn onto westbound 4<sup>th</sup> Street South. The officer observed that the driver was female and wearing a white jacket. The officer notified dispatch that he was in pursuit of the Jeep, which refused to stop, despite the officer's emergency lights and sirens.

The officer pursued the Jeep through town and ultimately onto eastbound Interstate 494. Due to the little to no traffic at that time of day, the officer continued the pursuit. The driver continued traveling at a high rate of speed and exited Interstate 494 to Highway 10/61, but lost control and spun out midway through the exit. The Jeep then drove into the ditch to the entrance ramp for westbound Interstate 494. The officers pursued the Jeep back onto Interstate 494 and an Inver Grove Heights officer was out laying down stop sticks.

The Inver Grove Heights officer had been eastbound on Interstate 494, so he stopped his squad car, stepped over the median, and deployed the stop sticks. The stop sticks were partially in the right lane, but mostly in the center lane. As he attempted to pull them toward him to maximize coverage, the Jeep drove at him, swerving directly at him at approximately 100 m.p.h. in an intentional attempt to strike him. The officer had to leap back over the median to avoid being struck. The squad video shows that the Jeep swerved at the officer, raising dust from the shoulder of the road. The officer noted that the Jeep could have avoided the stop sticks on the opposite side of the freeway and that shoulder. The squad video also shows that there were no other vehicles around the Jeep at that time. The pursuit officers observed and radioed that this was an intentional swerve toward the officer standing on the freeway.

The Jeep exited Interstate 494 onto northbound Highway 52, where additional Inver Grove Heights officers joined the pursuit. They were traveling at speeds of 120 m.p.h. at times. The Jeep made an abrupt

exit onto west Concord Boulevard/Cesar Chavez Avenue at Bancroft Avenue and then swerved into oncoming traffic, causing vehicles to stop quickly and swerve to the right.

Officers lost sight of the Jeep on Isabel, but continued searching for it. The original pursuit officer observed the Jeep on Hall Avenue, approximately five blocks south of his location and saw the Jeep suddenly spin around, as if it had been involved in a crash. The officer responded and saw that the Jeep had struck an occupied vehicle as well as parked vehicles. The driver had fled the Jeep and officers pursued her on foot, identifying themselves and telling her to stop. She did not stop. One officer caught the female and placed her under arrest.

The female identified herself as "Abby Lynn Scott, DOB: 03/30/1985," which is false name. She subsequently provided the name of "Abby Lynn Keller," which is also a false name. Eventually she admitted that she is Tabitha Sue Sigler (DOB: 05/12/2000) (Defendant), and that she had given false names because she had a warrant.

When she was first apprehended, Defendant told the officer that she had swallowed a bag of methamphetamine and heroin. Paramedics on scene transported Defendant to Regions Hospital. While there, Defendant admitted to having used both heroin and methamphetamine that morning before stealing the Jeep. As such, officers obtained a search warrant for a sample of Defendant's blood. The officer provided BCA blood test kit B408334 to a nurse at the hospital and watched as he obtained a sample of Defendant's blood at 9:50 a.m. The officer placed the blood samples in the test kit and sealed them. The samples were submitted to the BCA for testing, which is pending.

Officers interviewed M.K. and he reported that he did not know Defendant and did not give her permission to take his Jeep.

Defendant has two active warrants: one for Felony 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Controlled Substance offense and one for Misdemeanor Theft of Services.

## 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**

Phillip Oeffling  
Commander  
125 3rd Ave N  
South St Paul, MN 55075  
Badge: 2102

Electronically Signed:  
05/16/2019 10:38 AM  
dakota County, minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Kathryn M. Keena  
Assistant Dakota County  
Attorney  
1560 Hwy 55  
Hastings, MN 55033-2392  
(651) 438-4438

Electronically Signed:  
05/16/2019 10:09 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 1560 W Highway 55 Dakota County Judicial Center, Hastings, MN 55033 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: May 16, 2019.

**Judicial Officer** Tanya O'Brien  
judge

Electronically Signed: 05/16/2019 10:49 AM

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

COUNTY OF DAKOTA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**Tabitha Sue Sigler**

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: