

State of Minnesota
County of DakotaDistrict Court
1st Judicial DistrictProsecutor File No.
Court File No.CA-2024-00045
19HA-CR-24-818

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

Summons

vs.

BRANDON ADRIAN ROHDA DOB: 10/09/2003107 Maple Street
Farmington, MN 55024

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: Criminal Vehicular Operation Resulting in Great Bodily Harm (Negligence and Sch I or II Controlled Substance Present)**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2113.1(6)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/07/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24400117

Charge Description: On or about January 7, 2024, in the County of Dakota, Minnesota, BRANDON ADRIAN ROHDA, did cause great bodily harm to another not constituting attempted murder or assault as a result of operating a motor vehicle in a negligent manner while any amount of a controlled substance listed in schedule I or II, or its metabolite, other than cannabis flower, a cannabis product, a lower-potency hemp edible, a hemp-derived consumer product, artificially derived cannabinoids, or tetrahydrocannabinols, is present in the person's body.

COUNT II**Charge: Firearm Violation (Possess With No Serial Number)**

Minnesota Statute: 609.667(3)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/07/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24400117

Charge Description: On or about January 7, 2024, in the County of Dakota, Minnesota, BRANDON ADRIAN ROHDA, did receive or possess a firearm that is not identified by a serial number.

On January 7, 2024, at approximately 5:13 a.m., law enforcement responded to a single vehicle crash that occurred on MNTH 56 in Hampton, Dakota County, Minnesota. Officers arrived and located the crashed vehicle, which had flipped onto its roof, after it appeared to have drifted off the roadway and gone into the ditch.

The front passenger of the vehicle was an adult male identified herein as "Victim." Two passersby were on scene when police arrived and reported that Victim was unconscious as soon as they located the vehicle in the ditch. The driver, identified as BRANDON ADRIAN ROHDA (DOB: 10/09/2003), was conscious and alert. An officer spoke to ROHDA, who stated that he was just driving straight and then wasn't driving straight anymore. ROHDA stated that he was driving the speed limit (60 miles per hour) when he crashed. The trooper noticed that ROHDA's eyes were watery and bloodshot and that his speech was deliberate and slurred at times. ROHDA stated that he had smoked marijuana the day before but denied drinking any alcohol. The officer performed the horizontal gaze nystagmus ("HGN") test and observed six out of six possible signs of impairment.

A warrant for a sample of ROHDA's blood was obtained and executed. The blood sample was submitted to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension ("BCA") for examination. The results revealed that ROHDA's blood contained a metabolite of cocaine, which is a Schedule II substance.

While investigating the crash, firefighters informed law enforcement that there was a loaded firearm with an extended magazine on the ground near the vehicle. Officers were unable to find the firearm, so they asked ROHDA about the firearm. ROHDA stated that he had forgot about the gun and looked down at his belt. ROHDA also stated that he had a "ghost gun" on him that he had bought yesterday. Officers retrieved the firearm from ROHDA's waistband. The firearm was a handgun with a loaded extended magazine. The gun did not have a serial number, which was consistent with ROHDA's statement that it was a "ghost gun."

An accident reconstruction was performed. The crash reconstructionist concluded that ROHDA's vehicle was driving on the shoulder of the road for an extended period of time, before the road began curving to the left. The vehicle continued traveling straight until it entered the ditch, where it vaulted and went airborne. When the vehicle landed, it rolled side to side several times. While there was a light layer

of snow on the ground, the reconstructionist did not find any evidence to suggest that ROHDA's vehicle lost control, as there was no indication of a spin-out, hard braking, or evasive steering. The reconstructionist ultimately concluded that the crash was the result of ROHDA failing to maintain his lane and operating a vehicle while impaired.

When Victim was treated on scene by first responders, he stopped breathing and had to receive roughly ten minutes of CPR. Victim was transported to the hospital for treatment, where he was intubated and placed on a ventilator. His medical records showed that he suffered a traumatic brain injury, multiple spinal fractures, and a fracture of his jaw, and treatment of these injuries required multiple surgeries and significant rehabilitation.

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SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS

Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
4/30/2024

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

S. A. Schneider
Sergeant
3489 Hadley Ave N
Oakdale, MN 55128
Badge: 304

Electronically Signed:
04/22/2024 11:35 AM
Washington County, MN

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Cory B. Monnens
1560 Hwy 55
Hastings, MN 55033-2392
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Electronically Signed:
04/22/2024 11:31 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 as directed in the Notice of Hearing before the above-named court 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: April 22, 2024.

Judicial Officer

Kathryn IversonLandrum
Judge

Electronically Signed: 04/22/2024 03:43 PM

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

COUNTY OF DAKOTA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Brandon Adrian Rohda

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: