

State of Minnesota  
County of Ramsey

District Court  
2nd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0620383144  
Court File No. 62-CR-17-3774

**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**ANTON WILLIAM BUECKERT DOB: 02/28/1991**

2-190 Glebe Ave.  
ON K1S 2C7

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Warrant

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: Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer**

Minnesota Statute: 609.50.1(2), with reference to: 609.50.2(1)

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/04/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17460024

Charge Description: On or about March 4, 2017, in the County of Ramsey, Minnesota, Anton William Bueckert intentionally obstructed, resisted, or interfered with a peace officer while the officer was engaged in the performance of official duties, and caused substantial bodily harm,

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Use Tear Gas to Immobilize - Not Protect Self/Property**

Minnesota Statute: 624.731.4(d), with reference to: 624.731.8(a)(4), 609.03.1

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/04/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17460024

Charge Description: On or about March 4, 2017, in the County of Ramsey, Minnesota, Anton William Bueckert, used tear gas or a tear gas compound in an immobilizing concentration against another person other than in the lawful exercise of reasonable force in self defense or defense of property,

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Riot-3rd Degree-Unlawful Force or Violence**

Minnesota Statute: 609.71.3

Maximum Sentence: One year or \$3,000 or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/04/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17460024

Charge Description: On or about March 4, 2017, in the County of Ramsey, Minnesota, Anton William Bueckert, with three or more people assembled, disturbed the peace by an intentional act or threat of unlawful force or violence to person or property

**STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

Your complainant is Sergeant Eric Zastrow, an investigator with the Minnesota State Patrol. He states that the following is true, correct, and establishes probable cause:

On March 4, 2017, a permitted rally took place at the Minnesota State Capitol in Saint Paul, Ramsey County. During the rally, protesters arrived at the Capitol. Most were peaceful but some (more than 10) were wearing face and head coverings, and wearing goggles. At about 12:45pm, a Minnesota State Trooper was watching the crowd on the west stairs leading to the rotunda. The trooper, identified in reports, saw a male, later identified as Anton William Bueckert, spray several people with a tear gas compound. Bueckert ran up the stairs to the second floor. The trooper was unable to give chase due to the crowd on the stairs.

About thirty seconds later, the trooper saw Bueckert run back down the stairs, pushing through the crowd and punching people at the bottom of the stairs. The trooper grabbed Bueckert and informed him he was under arrest. Bueckert fought and resisted but the trooper, with assistance of a Capitol Security Officer, was able to arrest Bueckert. After indicating he had not intended to be arrested that day, Bueckert decided to remain silent.

Multiple people, identified in police reports, described being sprayed with a tear gas compound in the area of the stairs that day. Two people, identified in police reports, had to be treated by paramedics for the effects of the tear gas. .

The trooper was injured during the arrest of Bueckert and later discovered that he had fractured his thumb. Minnesota Statute section 609.02, subd. 7a defines "substantial bodily harm" to include a fracture of any bodily member.

**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**

Eric Zastrow  
State Trooper  
3489 Hadley Ave N  
Oakdale, MN 55128  
Badge: 85

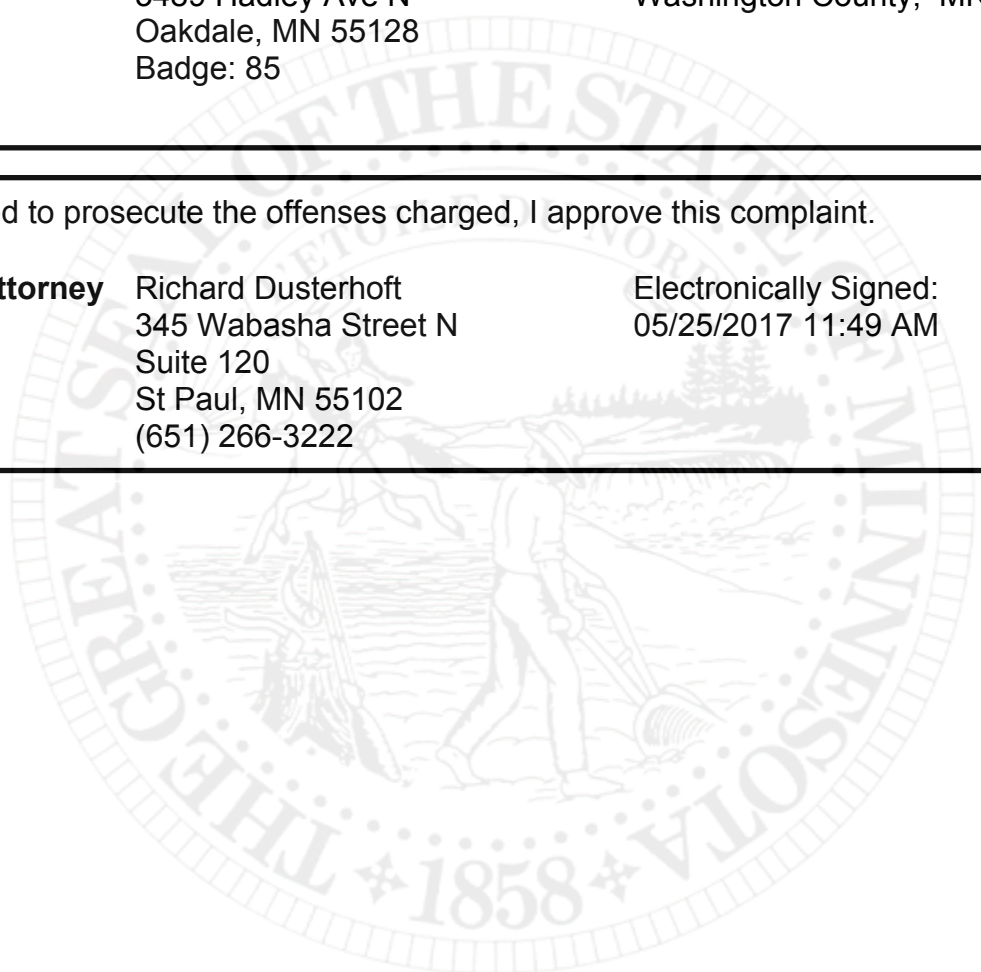
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05/26/2017 07:44 AM  
Washington County, MN

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Richard Dusterhoff  
345 Wabasha Street N  
Suite 120  
St Paul, MN 55102  
(651) 266-3222

Electronically Signed:  
05/25/2017 11:49 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 15 W Kellogg Blvd, St Paul, MN 55102 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.

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**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: \$7,500.00  
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: May 26, 2017.

**Judicial Officer**                      Laura Nelson                      Electronically Signed: 05/26/2017 09:05 AM

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

**COUNTY OF RAMSEY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff  
vs.

**Anton William Bueckert**

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: