

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 20A09373
Court File No. 27-CR-20-19175

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

TREVOR ALAN NIELSON DOB: 08/05/1978

19133 Concord Ct NW
Elk River, MN 55330

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: Interfere w/Privacy - Against a Minor Under 18; Violate (b) or (d); More than 36 months older

Minnesota Statute: 609.746.1(f), with reference to: 609.17.4(2), 609.746.1(d), 609.746.1(f)
Maximum Sentence: HALF OF, 4 YEARS AND/OR \$5,000
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/28/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19009628

Charge Description: That on or about September 28, 2019, Bloomington, Hennepin County, Minnesota, TREVOR ALAN NIELSON, with intent to intrude upon or interfere with the privacy of an occupant, attempted to surreptitiously installed or used a device for observing, photographing, recording, amplifying or broadcasting sounds or events through the window or other aperture of a place where a reasonable person would have an expectation of privacy and exposed or was likely to expose their intimate parts or the clothing covering the immediate area of the intimate parts, and TREVOR ALAN NIELSON knew or had reason to know the victim was under the age of 18 and TREVOR ALAN NIELSON was more than 36 months older than the victim and committed the violation with sexual intent.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Complainant, a licensed peace officer with the Bloomington Police Department, has investigated the facts and circumstances of this offense and believes the following establishes probable cause:

On September 28, 2019, Bloomington Police Officers were dispatched to the Forever 21 store located in the Mall of America, which is located in Bloomington, Hennepin County, Minnesota, on an invasion of privacy call. The details of the call indicated the store employees believed someone was setting up cameras in their fitting room.

Upon arrival, officers met with J.P., the store manager. J.P. had previously reported an incident on July 24, 2019, where she located video cameras hidden in the store's fitting rooms. J.P. reported that she observed a male party who had been in a changing room for an overly lengthy period of time. When officers spoke to J.P., she indicated that she believed that same male was back in the store and in one of the fitting rooms.

Officers waited until the suspect emerged from the changing room and then detained him. J.P. indicated that she thought the detained party, identified as TREVOR ALAN NIELSON, Defendant herein, was the person she saw on July 24th. Officers searched Defendant and located his cell phone and a roll of double-sided black tape as well as strips of backing from the tape that had been cut to the same length.

Employees of the store soon located a camera hidden in one of the fitting rooms. The stall where the camera was located was adjacent to the one Defendant sat in for nearly an hour. The camera was adhered to the wall with tape that matched the tape in Defendant's possession. The length of the two strips appeared to match the length of the tape backing located on Defendant.

Defendant was interviewed post-Miranda. Defendant admitted that he hid the camera in the fitting room at Forever 21 and that he had done so on other dates. Defendant admitted that he had secretly recorded people on multiple other occasions at different locations around the metro area, including the 15-year-old daughter of his girlfriend whom he recorded in the bathroom. Defendant admitted that on this occasion, he was sitting in the next booth watching on his phone.

A search warrant was obtained for Defendant's electronic devices. A search of those devices was completed and officers located a great deal of information pertaining to this case. Officers located a large number of videos that were taken in changing rooms which showed nude and semi-nude women. According to the officers, many of the women appeared to be young; likely under the age of 18. It should be noted that Forever 21 is a store known to cater to young women, including teenagers and pre-teens.

Officers also discovered videos from a camera that had been affixed to Defendant's shoe or lower pant leg. Defendant would then stick his foot under the barrier between changing rooms and capture videos of the women within the adjacent room. Defendant accidentally captured himself in the mirror in one such video.

Officers also located secretly recorded videos of students at the Elk River High School as well as videos of young, teenage girls at the swimming pools, parks, and other areas. Additional videos recovered were videos of the 15-year-old daughter of Defendant's girlfriend captured in the bathroom of her home in Elk River. These included videos of the 15-year-old in the shower.

The defendant is not currently in custody.

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

Michael J Rocklin
Detective
1800 W Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431
Badge: 336

Electronically Signed:
09/02/2020 04:38 PM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Dan Allard
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
09/02/2020 04:12 PM

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 the address listed on the attached court summons 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: \$0.00

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 2, 2020.

Judicial Officer

Toddrick Barnette
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/02/2020 04:43 PM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

TREVOR ALAN NIELSON

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:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: TREVOR ALAN NIELSON
DOB: 08/05/1978
Address: 19133 Concord Ct NW
Elk River, MN 55330

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN17KM8665

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

Race: White

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Driver's License #:

SILS Person ID #: 449415

SILS Tracking No. 3183467

Alcohol Concentration:

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	9/28/2019	609.746.1(f) Interfere w/Privacy - Against a Minor Under 18; Violate (b) or (d); More than 36 months older	Felony	N144C	A	MN0270100	19009628
	Penalty	9/28/2019	609.746.1(f) Interfere w/Privacy - Against a Minor Under 18; Violate (b) or (d); More than 36 months older	Felony	N144C	A	MN0270100	19009628
	Penalty	9/28/2019	609.746.1(d) Interfere w/ Privacy - Hotel/Tanning Booth/Other - Install or Use Surreptitious Device	Gross Misdemeanor	N144C	A	MN0270100	19009628
	Penalty	9/28/2019	609.17.4(2) Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts-Penalty-1/2 Of Intended	Felony	N144C	A	MN0270100	19009628