

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 21A07047
Court File No. 27-CR-21-13071

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TYLER MICHAEL FERGUSON DOB: 02/10/1999

NPA
MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

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: Arson-2nd Degree-Building-Value \$1,000 or More

Minnesota Statute: 609.562, with reference to: 609.562, 609.05.1, 609.05.2

Maximum Sentence: 10 YEARS AND/OR \$20,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/06/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21148419

Charge Description: That on or about 7/6/2021, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, TYLER MICHAEL FERGUSON acting alone or intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling or conspiring with another or otherwise procures the other to commit the crime unlawfully, by means of fire or explosives, intentionally destroyed or damaged a real or personal property valued at more than \$1,000.

COUNT II

Charge: Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Value Reduced Over \$1000

Minnesota Statute: 609.595.1(4), with reference to: 609.05.1, 609.05.2, 609.595.1

Maximum Sentence: 5 YEARS AND/OR \$10,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/06/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21148419

Charge Description: That on or about 7/6/2021, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, TYLER MICHAEL FERGUSON acting alone or intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling or conspiring with another or otherwise procures the other to commit the crime intentionally caused damage to physical property belonging to Stella's Fish House, without victim's consent and such damage reduced the value of the property by more than \$1,000 as measured by the cost of repair and/or replacement.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Complainant has investigated the facts and circumstances of this offense and believes the following establishes probable cause:

On the morning of July 6, 2021, the Minneapolis Fire Department were dispatched to Stella's Fish Café, located at 1402 Lake Street West, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, on a report of a suspected arson involving Stella's dumpsters.

Minneapolis police officers arrived and talked to owner, G.W., who forwarded security footage of the dumpster area. The video shows two males enter the alley area by the dumpsters at approximately 3:04 hours. One male is wearing a black "Scarface" t-shirt and the second male, later identified as Tyler Michael Ferguson, born February 10, 1999, herein DEFENDANT, is wearing blue shorts, a bullet vest and has black and blue tipped hair.

The first male is carrying a brown paper bag, ignites it with a lighter and places the bag on some cardboard on top of the dumpsters. This male leaves moments later. DEFENDANT then adds a cardboard box on top of where the first male placed the burning bag. DEFENDANT watches the box as it ignites and moves the cardboard around to ensure the fire catches on. DEFENDANT then takes the paper bag, while it is still burning, and moves it to the rear of the dumpster where the fire is clearly catching and igniting other items in the dumpster.

The owner, G.W., provided officers with another video from July 3, 2021, that depicts DEFENDANT taking a Stella's dumpster and pushing it out into an alley way. Officers indicated this has been common in the recent weeks, as there have been many fires ignited in this area using dumpsters from local businesses.

Given DEFENDANT's distinct characteristics, officers were able to apprehend and identified him on July 9, 2021. DEFENDANT was arrested for arson as well as an outstanding felony warrant out of Anoka County.

One of G.W.'s employees, O.T.S., provided a statement to police regarding a conversation O.T.S. had with DEFENDANT a couple weeks prior to this incident. O.T.S. stated he had seen DEFENDANT and other protesters in the streets and wanted to talk to them about why they were doing what they were doing to the local businesses. In that conversation, O.T.S. stated DEFENDANT bragged about how he previously burned a dumpster and that it got so hot the dumpster burned the pavement. DEFENDANT further told O.T.S. that he wanted to burn down Stella's.

G.W. provided estimates to all the damage caused by this fire – which included substantial damage to the HVAC system at Stella's. There is an estimated damage of \$44,000 for condensers and \$8,000 for related electrical. The dumpster area itself has approximately \$20,000 in damages and the camera system is approximately \$7,000 - \$10,000 in damages. These totals do not include the loss of business revenue as Stella's has had to be closed since the fire due to the damage of the HVAC.

DEFENDANT is 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

Erika I Christensen
Sgt
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 1097

Electronically Signed:
07/13/2021 10:15 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Jenna Dominik
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
07/13/2021 10:10 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: \$40,000.00

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: July 13, 2021.

Judicial Officer

Terri Yellowhammer
Judge

Electronically Signed: 07/13/2021 10:19 AM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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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:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: TYLER MICHAEL FERGUSON
DOB: 02/10/1999
Address: NPA
MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN18B16781

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

Race: Black

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Driver's License #:

SILS Person ID #: 837673

SILS Tracking No. 3234734

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	7/6/2021	609.562 Arson-2nd Degree-Building-Value \$1,000 or More	Felony	F200A	X	MN0271100	21148419
	Modifier	7/6/2021	609.05.2 Liability for Crimes of Another-Reasonably Forseeable	No-Level	F200A	X	MN0271100	21148419
	Modifier	7/6/2021	609.05.1 Liability for Crimes of Another-Intentional	No-Level	F200A	X	MN0271100	21148419
	Penalty	7/6/2021	609.562 Arson-2nd Degree-Building-Value \$1,000 or More	Felony	F200A	X	MN0271100	21148419
2	Charge	7/6/2021	609.595.1(4) Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Value Reduced Over \$1000	Felony	P113H	X	MN0271100	21148419
	Penalty	7/6/2021	609.595.1 Damage to Property-1st Degree	Felony	P113H	X	MN0271100	21148419
	Modifier	7/6/2021	609.05.2 Liability for Crimes of Another-Reasonably Forseeable	No-Level	P113H	X	MN0271100	21148419
	Modifier	7/6/2021	609.05.1 Liability for Crimes of Another-Intentional	No-Level	P113H	X	MN0271100	21148419