

State of Minnesota  
County of Sherburne

District Court  
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.  
Court File No.

184798  
71-CR-15-31

State of Minnesota,  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**ANTHONY RYAN SATHER DOB: 12/19/1990**

29569 144th St NW  
Princeton, MN 55371

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: Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Subsequent Conviction**

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(b)(1), with reference to: 152.025.2(b), 609.11.5(a)

Maximum Sentence: Not less than 3 Years nor more than 10 Years Imprisonment and/or \$20,000 Fine

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/05/2015

Control #(ICR#): 14028508

Charge Description: That on or about 1/5/2015, in Sherburne County, Minnesota, the defendant, Anthony Ryan Sather, DOB: 12/19/1990 (24), unlawfully possessed one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except a small amount of marijuana, to-wit: valium, while in possession of a firearm. Anthony Ryan Sather has a previous felony-level controlled substance conviction or disposition under section 152.18, subdivision 1, or a felony-level controlled substance attempt or conspiracy in Minnesota or elsewhere and ten years have not elapsed since discharge from sentence or stay of adjudication.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Subsequent Conviction**

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conviction or disposition under section 152.18, subdivision 1, or a felony-level controlled substance attempt or conspiracy in Minnesota or elsewhere and ten years have not elapsed since discharge from sentence or stay of adjudication.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture**

Minnesota Statute: 343.21.1, with reference to: 343.21.9(d)

Maximum Sentence: Up to 2 years imprisonment and/or \$5000 fine.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/05/2015

Control #(ICR#): 14028508

Charge Description: On or about 1/5/2015, within the County of Sherburne, defendant did willfully instigate or in any way further any act of torture to any animal or animals, or any act tending to produce torture to animals and the violation resulted in death or great bodily harm to a pet or companion animal.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Your Complainant is an officer with the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office. In this capacity your Complainant believes the following to be true and correct.

On or about December 21, 2014, Deputy Brad Muellner of the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office was contacted by dispatch and asked to contact a Sherburne County resident regarding a civil complaint. Deputy Muellner contacted B.K.G., dob: 06/01/1964, who reported to Deputy Muellner that his daughter, A.M.G., dob: 12/03/1993 lives with and is in a relationship with ANTHONY RYAN SATHER, dob: 12/19/1990, hereinafter the defendant. B.K.G. reported that A.M.G. and the defendant live with the defendant's mother at a residence located at 29569 144th Street Northwest in the city of Princeton, Sherburne County, State of Minnesota. Deputy Muellner was informed that A.M.G.'s dog, a three to four year old Husky Shiba Inu named "Draco", resided with A.M.G. at the residence.

A.M.G. reported to Deputy Muellner that on October 2, 2014, Draco had run away from the residence, and that she and the defendant had posted signs in the area regarding the missing dog. A.M.G. reported that sometime after that date, she was contacted by an individual who had located her dog, alive. A.M.G. reported that the defendant met with the individual to retrieve the dog. A.M.G. reported that when she arrived home that evening from work, the defendant reported to her that he had retrieved the dog and that when he did it was wearing its black with small spike collar and an aqua blue bandana around its neck. The defendant reported that upon arriving home and opening the car door, the dog had again run away, and was now missing.

A.M.G. reported that on October 9, 2014, she had been contacted by an individual reporting that they believed the dog, which was now deceased, was located in the east ditch of County Road 1, just south of the defendant's residence. A.M.G. and the defendant responded to the area and positively identified the dog as "Draco". A.M.G. observed what she believed to be a bullet hole in the deceased dog, and also observed it was no longer wearing its collar or bandana. A.M.G. reported that the defendant told her that someone had probably mistaken the dog for a coyote and had shot it.

A.M.G. reported that on December 18, 2014, she was searching the defendant's computer located in the residence and located three videos on the computer that depicted the defendant severely beating, and ultimately shooting and killing, her dog. A.M.G. recorded the videos with her cell phone and was able to save them to a different location. A.M.G. reported that the defendant found out that she had viewed the videos and he demanded that she delete them. A.M.G. provided the videos to Deputy Muellner, who was able to view them. During the first video, Deputy Muellner observed a white male that matched a previously viewed DVS photo of the defendant. Deputy Muellner observed a Husky dog wearing a black collar with spikes and a blue bandana. Deputy Muellner observed the defendant activate the camera, close the garage door, open up a dog kennel, drag the dog in front of the camera, and beat the dog repeatedly. Deputy Muellner observed the defendant punch the dog with a closed fist on the left side of its head multiple times, lift up the dog over his head and slam it down on the concrete floor multiple times, and kick the dog numerous times. Deputy Muellner observed the dog make multiple attempts to run away from the defendant, and each time the defendant chased the dog and dragged it back in front of the camera to continue the assault. Deputy Muellner observed large amounts of blood on the floor and heard the dog yelping continuously throughout the video. Towards the end of the video, Deputy Muellner observed the defendant get close to the camera, smile, state "this ain't done yet", and then lick his lips. A.M.G. reported that she recognized the surroundings of the video to be the garage at the defendant's residence.

Deputy Muellner observed that the second video contained footage of an adult male repeatedly kicking the same dog from the first video, while the dog was yelping. Deputy Muellner viewed the third video and

observed a male, wearing a shirt identical to the shirt the defendant wore in the first video, holding a silver colored pistol and the dog laying in a grassy area. The male is heard yelling at the dog and pointing the pistol at the dog, and gunshots are heard.

On January 5, 2014, Investigators with the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office obtained a search warrant for the defendant's residence that was executed by the Honorable Walter Kaminsky. On that date, investigators searched the residence with the defendant present. While listening to officers discuss specific items to search for, the defendant advised them that the gun they were looking for was located in his bedroom nightstand. In the nightstand, officers located a silver automatic .45 handgun that matched the gun observed in the third video. In the nightstand, near the gun, officers located an unlabeled pill bottle that contained 300 pills. Further investigation revealed that the pills were valium, which is a Schedule IV controlled substance pursuant to Minnesota statutes. While officers were investigating the pills, the defendant advised them that they were valium and that they belonged to him. Also located in the defendant's bedroom, in a mini refrigerator located by the nightstand where the handgun was located, officers located two gallon sized bags containing a green leafy substance that field tested positive as marijuana. The substances were later determined to weigh 98.45 grams.

Also located in the defendant's living room was a black leather dog collar with small silver spikes and at least six other weapons in a gun safe located in the basement.

A review of Minnesota Department of Public Safety records confirms that the defendant received a stay of adjudication on a prior Controlled Substance Crime in the Fifth Degree- Possession, in Sherburne County Court File CR-12-1075 on January 18, 2013.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 609.49., intentional failure to appear for duly scheduled court appearances may result in additional criminal charges, and in addition to any arrest warrant that may otherwise be issued by the Court.

**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.

<b>Complainant</b>	Scott Fildes Investigative Captain 13880 Business Center Drive Elk River, MN 55330-1692 Badge: 3507	Electronically Signed: 01/07/2015 09:33 AM
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Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned.

<b>Notary Public or Judicial Official</b>	Karla K Ellsworth Records Technician, County of Sherburne 13880 Business Center Drive Elk River, MN 55330-1692 Notary ID: 31043295	Commission expires: 01/31/2016 Electronically Signed: 01/07/2015 09:40 AM
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Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

<b>Prosecuting Attorney</b>	Elisabeth A. Spilde Assistant Sherburne County Attorney 13880 Business Center Drive Elk River, MN 55330-4601 (763) 765-4725	Electronically Signed: 01/07/2015 09:12 AM
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**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 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, MN 55330-1692 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 is issued by the undersigned Judge as of the following date: January 7, 2015.

**Judicial Officer** Sheridan Hawley  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 01/07/2015 09:58 AM

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

COUNTY OF SHERBURNE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

Clerk's Signature or File Stamp:

**State of Minnesota**

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Defendant

*L. Raygo, Deputy*

**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:

STATE OF MINNESOTA } SS  
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE }

**FILED**

JAN 07 2015

PATRICIA A. KUKA  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

By *[Signature]* Deputy

## DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

**Name:** Anthony Ryan Sather  
**DOB:** 12/19/1990  
**Address:** 29569 144th St NW  
Princeton, MN 55371  
**Alias Names/DOB:**  
**SID:** MN12FD3782  
**Fingerprints Needed:** Yes  
**Fingerprinted:** Yes  
**Handgun Permit:** No  
**Driver's License #:** D154041064610 (MN)  
**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	1/5/2015	152.025.2(b)(1) Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Subsequent Conviction	Felony	DH500	N	MN0710000	14028508
	Penalty	1/5/2015	152.025.2(b) Drugs - 5th Degree - Possession - Subsequent Conviction - Penalty	Felony	DH500	N	MN0710000	14028508
2	Charge	1/5/2015	152.025.2(b)(1) Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not Small Amount Marijuana - Subsequent Conviction	Felony	DH500	N	MN0710000	14028508
	Penalty	1/5/2015	152.025.2(b) Drugs - 5th Degree - Possession - Subsequent Conviction - Penalty	Felony	DH500	N	MN0710000	14028508
3	Charge	1/5/2015	343.21.1 Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture	Felony	M8196	N	MN0710000	14028508
	Penalty	1/5/2015	343.21.9(d) Torture or cruelty to pet or companion animal- Death or Great Bodily Harm	Felony	M8196	N	MN0710000	14028508