

State of Minnesota  
County of Morrison

District Court  
7th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 21/15  
Court File No. 49-CR-21-131

**State of Minnesota,**

**COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff,

Summons

vs.

**LINDA MARIE STATELY DOB: 04/19/1976**

511 Lindbergh Drive NW  
Little Falls, MN 56345

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: Ineligible Voter**

Minnesota Statute: 201.014.3, with reference to: 201.014.3  
Maximum Sentence: 5 Years Imprisonment and/or \$5,000 Fine  
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/03/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20008003

Charge Description: On or about November 3, 2020, in the County of Morrison, State of Minnesota, the above-named Defendant, Linda Marie Stately, did vote in an election in which she was not eligible to vote because she was convicted of treason or any felony and her civil rights have not been restored.

**STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

On January 22, 2018, the above-named Defendant, Linda Marie Stately, was convicted of felony Financial Transaction Card Fraud in Crow Wing County (court file number 18-CR-17-2442). The sentencing judge stayed imposition of sentence and placed Stately on probation for up to five years. One of the conditions of her probation was that she not register to vote or vote until discharged from probation and her civil rights are fully restored. This specific condition of probation was listed on Stately's probation agreement, which she signed and dated on April 6, 2018, in front of her probation agent. Stately currently remains on probation for this crime.

November 3, 2020, was a national election day. Following that election, the Morrison County Auditor/Treasurer's Office noted that Stately had been flagged as being ineligible to vote due to her prior felony conviction. The Auditor/Treasurer's Office noted that a Minnesota Voter Registration Application had been filled out in the name of Linda Marie Stately in Ward 3, in the City of Little Falls, in Morrison County, Minnesota.

Sgt. Ruby of the Little Falls Police Department noted that the Minnesota Voter Registration Application appeared to have been signed by Linda M. Stately on the date of the election and was also initialed by an election judge. On the application form, it directs the voter to read it and sign it, only if all parts apply to that voter. The voter certifies that the voter has the right to vote because, if the voter has been convicted of felony, the voter's felony sentence has expired or the voter has been discharged from sentence. Further, the application form states that the voter has read and understood the statement and that giving false information is a felony, punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and/or a fine of not more than \$10,000.

On December 31, 2020, Sgt. Ruby spoke to Stately over the phone. Stately admitted that she registered to vote during the most recent election. She also admitted to casting a vote. Stately claimed that she thought she was off probation at that time.

**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**

Kyle Johnson  
Captain  
207 NE 1st St  
Little Falls, MN 56345  
Badge: 204

Electronically Signed:  
01/28/2021 05:02 PM  
Morrison County, MN

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Brian J Middendorf  
Morrison County Attorney  
213 1st Ave SE  
Little Falls, MN 56345  
(320) 632-0190

Electronically Signed:  
01/27/2021 03:41 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 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: January 29, 2021.

**Judicial Officer**

Leonard Weiler  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 01/29/2021 11:18 AM

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

**COUNTY OF MORRISON  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**Linda Marie Stately**

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:** Linda Marie Stately  
**DOB:** 04/19/1976  
**Address:** 511 Lindbergh Drive NW  
Little Falls, MN 56345

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:**

**Height:**

**Weight:**

**Eye Color:**

**Hair Color:**

**Gender:**

FEMALE

**Race:**

**Fingerprints Required per Statute:**

Yes

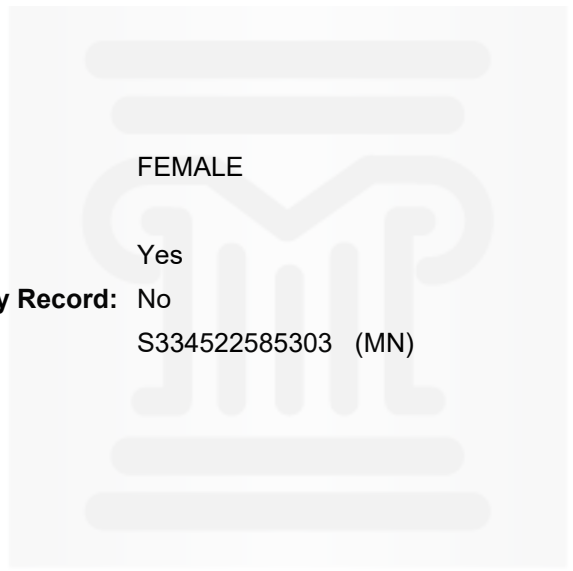
**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:**

No

**Driver's License #:**

S334522585303 (MN)

**Alcohol Concentration:**



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**STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID**

<b>Cnt Nbr</b>	<b>Statute Type</b>	<b>Offense Date(s)</b>	<b>Statute Nbrs and Descriptions</b>	<b>Offense Level</b>	<b>MOC</b>	<b>GOC</b>	<b>Controlling Agencies</b>	<b>Case Numbers</b>
1	Charge	11/3/2020	201.014.3 Ineligible Voter Knowingly Votes	Felony	Y1190	N	MN0490100	20008003
	Penalty	11/3/2020	201.014.3 Ineligible Voter Knowingly Votes	Felony	Y1190	N	MN0490100	20008003



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