

State of Minnesota
County of Stearns

District Court
7th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

CR-2021-291
73-CR-21-9428

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BRADLEY ALFRED HAUGEN DOB: 02/23/1977

345 23rd Avenue N
St. Cloud, MN 56303

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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: Absentee Voting - Intentionally make false or untrue statement on absentee ballot application

Minnesota Statute: 203B.03.1(a)(2), with reference to: 203B.03.2

Maximum Sentence: Imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/07/2020

Control #(ICR#): 21009739

Charge Description: That the defendant, Bradley Alfred Haugen, then and there being, did wrongfully, unlawfully, feloniously, and intentionally make any false or untrue statement in an application for an absentee ballot.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

On October 18, 2018, Bradley Alfred Haugen, DOB: 02/23/1977, the defendant herein, was convicted of the felony crime of Issuing a Dishonored Check. See Stearns County District Court File No. 73-CR-18-2647. The defendant was sentenced to a five year probationary term that was not to expire until October 18, 2023. On June 7, 2020, the defendant remained on supervised probation for his felony conviction and his civil rights had not been restored. The defendant was therefore ineligible to obtain an absentee ballot or to vote.

Stearns County elections staff received an absentee ballot application signed by the defendant and dated the same date. Stearns County Sheriff's Investigator Theisen reviewed the absentee ballot application. The ballot indicated that the defendant resided in the City of St. Cloud, County of Stearns, State of Minnesota. Investigator Theisen observed that the ballot included handwritten entries, including date of birth, phone number, email address, driver's license, and address.

The absentee ballot signature block indicates that the signing party is certifying they are eligible to vote, including that, if "convicted of a felony, my felony sentence has expired (been completed) or I have been discharged from my sentence." The defendant signed the ballot, intentionally certifying facts that were untrue.

Investigator Theisen confirmed that the defendant was on supervised felony probation in Stearns County at the time of the application. Investigator Theisen located and interviewed the defendant at the same St. Cloud, Stearns County, residence listed on his absentee ballot. The defendant admitted that he was aware that he could not vote and that he knew he was still on probation for a felony level crime. The defendant stated that he had thrown the ballot away and never voted. The defendant did not have a justification for unlawfully applying for the ballot.

Investigator Theisen confirmed with Stearns County elections staff that the defendant had not returned the absentee ballot and thus had not successfully voted.

Complainant has reason to believe and does believe that all of the above information is true and correct.

The above facts constitute your complainant's basis for believing that the above-named defendant, on or about the 7th day of June, 2020, in the City of St. Cloud, County of Stearns, State of Minnesota, committed the offense described herein.

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	Victor C Weiss Lieutenant 807 Courthouse Square St. Cloud, MN 56303 Badge: 2505	Electronically Signed: 12/28/2021 08:05 AM stearns County, Minnesota
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Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

Prosecuting Attorney	River D. Thelen Assistant County Attorney 705 Courthouse Square St. Cloud, MN 56303 (320) 656-3880	Electronically Signed: 12/27/2021 04:32 PM
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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 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: December 28, 2021.

Judicial OfficerWilliam J. Cashman
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 12/28/2021 01:22 PM

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

**COUNTY OF STEARNS
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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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: Bradley Alfred Haugen
DOB: 02/23/1977
Address: 345 23rd Avenue N
St. Cloud, MN 56303

Alias Names/DOB:

SID:

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 229lbs.

Eye Color: Brown

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

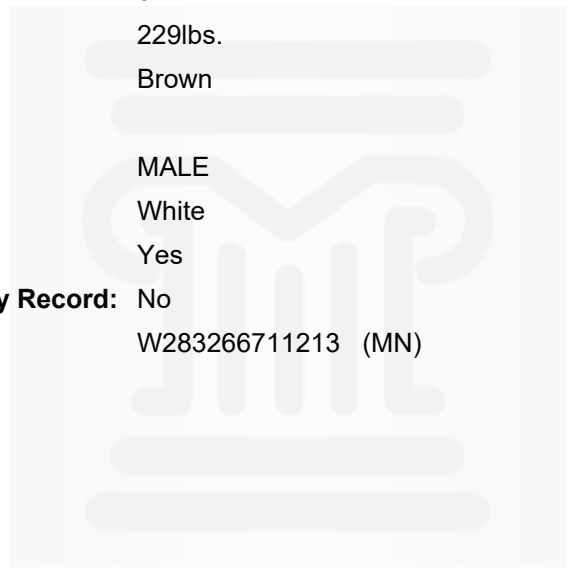
Race: White

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: No

Driver's License #: W283266711213 (MN)

Alcohol Concentration:



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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	6/7/2020	203B.03.1(a)(2) Absentee Voting - Intentionally make false or untrue statement on absentee ballot application	Felony	Y1190	N	MN0730000	21009739
	Penalty	6/7/2020	203B.03.2 Absentee Voting-Prohibitions M.S. 203B.03-Penalty	Felony	Y1190	N	MN0730000	21009739



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