

State of Minnesota
County of Stearns

District Court
7th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

CR-2024-2874
73-CR-24-9066

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ETHAN OLIVER RALPH DOB: 09/20/1985

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Warrant

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: Contempt of Court - Willful Disobedience to Court Mandate

Minnesota Statute: 588.20.2(4), with reference to: 588.20.2

Maximum Sentence: Ninety (90) days in jail and/or \$1,000 fine.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/03/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24075228

Charge Description: That the defendant, Ethan Oliver Ralph, then and there being, committed contempt of court by willful disobedience to the lawful process or other mandate of a court other than the conduct described in subdivision 1.

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

On September 25, 2024, the Stearns County Sheriff's Office began an investigation regarding contempt of court that occurred on September 3, 2024. It was reported that Ethan Oliver Ralph, D.O.B. 09/20/1985, recorded a court proceeding despite the Judge's warning that it was prohibited by the rules and would result in contempt of court.

Upon review of defendant's Rumble page, it shows a video that is approximately 1 hour and 49 minutes long. The video contains a live stream of court proceedings from September 3, 2024. In the recording, the Honorable Laura Moehrle on the record stated, "while this is a public hearing pursuant to general rule of practice 4.01 there is to be no recording of any court proceedings.... Any violation of this court's rule that no recordings should be taken of this proceeding is punishable by contempt of court including jail sanctions." While Judge Moehrle is giving this warning, defendant says "I didn't hear that." He also says "I am not recording it." Which shows he heard the warning, and willfully ignored Judge Moehrle's mandate that the Rule of General Practice prohibit recording of court proceedings.

The court hearing defendant live streamed and posted the recording of it occurred in the City of St. Cloud, County of Stearns, State of Minnesota.

Law enforcement attempted to contact defendant via a phone number they found through searches. Another male answered who knows defendant. The male indicated defendant has been "hiding" in Mexico due to unrelated issues. Law enforcement attempted to email defendant to speak with him further about this incident. Defendant responded and declined to speak to law enforcement. Defendant's whereabouts are unknown. While there are indications defendant may be out of the Country, at a minimum it appears he does not reside in Minnesota. As such, the State is requesting a body only nationwide warrant.

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 3rd day of September, 2024, in the City of St. Cloud, County of Stearns, State of Minnesota, committed the offense(s) described herein.

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	Zachary Sorenson	Electronically Signed:
	Lieutenant	11/08/2024 02:23 PM
	807 Courthouse Square	Stearns County, Minnesota
	St. Cloud, MN 56303	
	Badge: 2505	

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

Prosecuting Attorney	Kari L. Dahlen	Electronically Signed:
	Assistant County Attorney	11/08/2024 02:16 PM
	705 Courthouse Square	
	St. Cloud, MN 56303	
	(320) 656-3880	

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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: body only

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: November 8, 2024.

Judicial Officer

Andrew Pearson

Electronically Signed: 11/08/2024 02:42 PM

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

**COUNTY OF STEARNS
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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Plaintiff

vs.

Ethan Oliver Ralph

Defendant

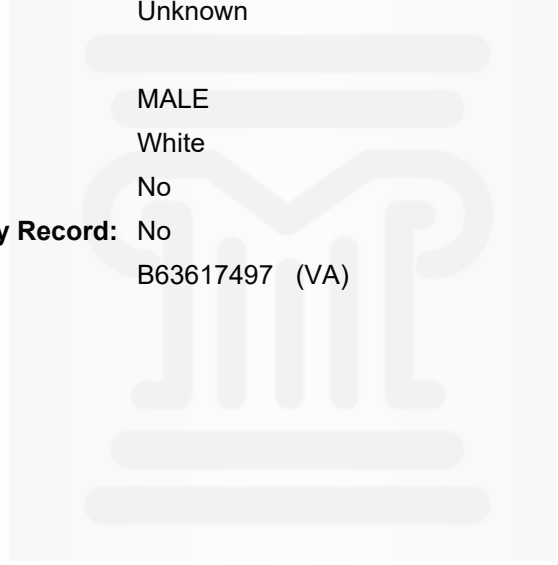
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Warrant upon the Defendant herein named.

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

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DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

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Name: Ethan Oliver Ralph
DOB: 09/20/1985
Address:
Alias Names/DOB:
SID:
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 245lbs.
Eye Color: Unknown
Hair Color:
Gender: MALE
Race: White
Fingerprints Required per Statute: No
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: No
Driver's License #: B63617497 (VA)
Alcohol Concentration:



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STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

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Cnt Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Nbrs and Descriptions	Offense Level	MOC	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Case Numbers
1	Charge	9/3/2024	588.20.2(4) Contempt of Court - Willful Disobedience to Court Mandate	Misdemeanor	X3120	N	MN0730000	24075228
	Penalty	9/3/2024	588.20.2 Contempt of Court - Willful Disobedience to Court Mandate	Misdemeanor	X3120	N	MN0730000	24075228



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