

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.  
Court File No.

16A12285  
27-CR-17-2993

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**MELISSA MAE WASKIEWICZ DOB: 12/31/1975**

4655 Lyndale Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Defendant.

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**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: Theft-By Swindle**

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(4), with reference to: 609.52.3(2), 609.52.3(5)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 12/16/2014

Control #(ICR#): 16010756

Charge Description: That on or between 12/16/2014 and 3/20/2015, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Melissa Mae Waskiewicz obtained property or services from the Lake Minnetonka Association by swindling the entity using artifice, trick, device or other means, and the property or services had an aggregate value in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Theft-By Swindle**

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(4), with reference to: 609.52.3(2), 609.52.3(5)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/30/2015

Control #(ICR#): 16010756

Charge Description: That on or between 3/30/2015 and 4/30/2015, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Melissa Mae Waskiewicz obtained property or services from the Lake Minnetonka Association by swindling the entity using artifice, trick, device or other means, and the property or services had an aggregate value in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Theft-By Swindle**

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(4), with reference to: 609.52.3(2), 609.52.3(5)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/06/2015

Control #(ICR#): 16010756

Charge Description: That on or between 6/6/2015 and 8/10/2015, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Melissa Mae Waskiewicz obtained property or services from the Lake Minnetonka Association by swindling the entity using artifice, trick, device or other means, and the property or services had an aggregate value in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

**COUNT IV**

**Charge: Theft-By Swindle**

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(4), with reference to: 609.52.3(2), 609.52.3(5)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/15/2015

Control #(ICR#): 16010756

Charge Description: That on or between 8/15/2015 and 10/5/2015, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Melissa Mae Waskiewicz obtained property or services from the Lake Minnetonka Association by swindling the entity using artifice, trick, device or other means, and the property or services had an aggregate value in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

**COUNT V**

**Charge: Theft-By Swindle**

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(4), with reference to: 609.52.3(2), 609.52.3(5)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/14/2015

Control #(ICR#): 16010756

Charge Description: That on or between 10/14/2015 and 12/5/2015, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Melissa Mae Waskiewicz obtained property or services from the Lake Minnetonka Association by swindling the entity using artifice, trick, device or other means, and the property or services had an aggregate value in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

**COUNT VI**

**Charge: Theft-By Swindle**

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(4), with reference to: 609.52.3(2), 609.52.3(5)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 12/10/2015

Control #(ICR#): 16010756

Charge Description: That on or between 12/10/2015 and 1/20/2016, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Melissa Mae Waskiewicz obtained property or services from the Lake Minnetonka Association by

swindling the entity using artifice, trick, device or other means, and the property or services had an aggregate value in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

### COUNT VII

**Charge: Theft-By Swindle**

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(4), with reference to: 609.52.3(2), 609.52.3(5)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/05/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16010756

Charge Description: That on or between 2/5/2016 and 4/5/2016, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Melissa Mae Waskiewicz obtained property or services from the Lake Minnetonka Association by swindling the entity using artifice, trick, device or other means, and the property or services had an aggregate value in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

### COUNT VIII

**Charge: Theft-By Swindle**

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(4), with reference to: 609.52.3(2), 609.52.3(5)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/15/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16010756

Charge Description: That on or between 4/15/2016 and 6/20/2016, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Melissa Mae Waskiewicz obtained property or services from the Lake Minnetonka Association by swindling the entity using artifice, trick, device or other means, and the property or services had an aggregate value in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

### COUNT IX

**Charge: Theft-By Swindle**

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(4), with reference to: 609.52.3(2), 609.52.3(5)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/22/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16010756

Charge Description: That on or between 7/22/2016 and 8/25/2016, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Melissa Mae Waskiewicz obtained property or services from the Lake Minnetonka Association by swindling the entity using artifice, trick, device or other means, and the property or services had an aggregate value in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On September 15, 2016, officers responded to a call from T.H.F., President of the Lake Minnetonka Association (LMA), who reported a theft by Melissa Mae Waskiewicz, LMA's Executive Director, herein the Defendant. The LMA does not have an office, however, its PO Box is located in Excelsior, Hennepin County, Minnesota. T.H.F. reported that most of the day to day work is done from his home in Orono, Hennepin County, Minnesota and that the Defendant worked from her home located at 4655 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. T.H.F. stated that during an internal audit, the LMA discovered that the Defendant wrote herself checks without permission from T.H.F. or any other party authorized to negotiate checks from LMA's bank accounts.

The Defendant wrote herself the following checks from LMA's Lake Vegetation Management's Anchor Bank account ending 0254:

December 16, 2014, check number 2272, in the amount of \$500.00.  
February 23, 2015, check number 2275, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
March 10, 2015, check number 2276, in the amount of \$500.00.  
March 20, 2015, check number 2277, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
April 7, 2015, check number 2281, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
April 30, 2015, check number 2283, in the amount of \$2,000.00.  
June 6, 2015, check number 2286, in the amount of \$1,500.00.  
July 1, 2015, check number 2289, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
July 15, 2015, check number 2290, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
October 14, 2015, check number 2298, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
May 5, 2016, check number 2303, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
June 1, 2016, check number 2306, in the amount of \$250.00.  
June 5, 2016, check number 2286, in the amount of \$1,500.00.

The total loss from LMA's Lake Vegetation Management account was \$13,250.00.

The Defendant further wrote herself the following checks from LMA's Anchor Bank account ending 5191:

February 23, 2015, check number 1990, in the amount of \$2,000.00.  
March 30, 2015, check number 1994, in the amount of \$2,000.00.  
August 10, 2015, check number 2294, in the amount of \$2,000.00.  
August 15, 2015, check number 2296, in the amount of \$2,000.00.  
September 10, 2015, check number 2303, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
September 20, 2015, check number 2306, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
October 5, 2015, check number 2307, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
October 14, 2015, check number 2298, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
October 30, 2015, check number 2311, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
November 10, 2015, check number 2312, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
November 15, 2015, check number 2313, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
December 5, 2015, check number 2317, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
December 10, 2015, check number 2318, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
December 23, 2015, check number 2319, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
December 31, 2015, check number 2322, in the amount of \$1,000.00.

January 20, 2016, check number 2323, in the amount of \$3,000.00.  
February 5, 2016, check number 2325, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
February 10, 2016, check number 2326, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
March 1, 2016, check number 2331, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
March 15, 2016, check number 2332, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
March 25, 2016, check number 2334, in the amount of \$500.00.  
April 5, 2016, check number 2335, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
April 15, 2016, check number 2339, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
April 20, 2016, check number 2341, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
June 5, 2016, check number 2346, in the amount of \$268.54.  
June 10, 2016, check number 2353, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
June 20, 2016, check number 2350, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
July 22, 2016, check number 2359, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
August 5, 2016, check number 2362, in the amount of \$1,000.00.  
August 10, 2016, check number 2364, in the amount of \$568.47.  
August 10, 2016, check number 2367, in the amount of \$283.94.  
August 25, 2016, check number 2366, in the amount of \$347.19.

The total loss from LMA's account was \$34,968.14.

T.H.F. reported that the Defendant did not have permission from anyone to write herself the above listed checks. The total amount of loss suffered by the LMA is \$48,218.14.

## 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**

Scott Boris  
Police Sgt.  
2730 Kelley Parkway  
Orono, MN 55356  
Badge: 505

Electronically Signed:  
02/02/2017 02:33 PM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Sandra Filardo  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
02/02/2017 02:17 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 on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM before the above-named court at 300 S Sixth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55487 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.

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*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: \$5,000.00

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: February 2, 2017.

**Judicial Officer**

Herbert Lefler  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 02/02/2017 02:38 PM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**Melissa Mae Waskiewicz**

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: