

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A04081  
Court File No. 27-CR-19-17713

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**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Warrant

vs.

**RIANNA MARIE CAMERON DOB: 07/25/1990**

24581 Superior Drive  
Rogers, MN 55374

Defendant.

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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: Manslaughter - 2nd Degree - Culpable Negligence Creating Unreasonable Risk**

Minnesota Statute: 609.205(1), with reference to: 609.205

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 12/30/2018

Control #(ICR#): 18019694

Charge Description: That on or about 12/30/2018, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, RIANNA MARIE CAMERON, caused the death of Victim A by her culpable negligence whereby RIANNA MARIE CAMERON created an unreasonable risk and consciously took a chance of causing death or great bodily harm to Victim A.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Manslaughter - 2nd Degree - Commit or Attempt to Commit Violation**

Minnesota Statute: 609.205(5), with reference to: 609.205

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 12/30/2018

Control #(ICR#): 18019694

Charge Description: That on or about 12/30/2018, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, RIANNA MARIE CAMERON, caused the death of Victim A by committing or attempting to commit a violation of Minn. Stat. 609.378: Neglect or Endangerment of a Child.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On December 30, 2018 at 8:39 p.m., officers with the Rogers Police Department were dispatched to a townhome on Superior Drive, Rogers, Hennepin County, Minnesota on a report of a non-responsive infant.

When officers entered the townhome, they observed two small children, a two-year-old and a three-year-old, in the first-floor family room. Both of the children were in diapers and unattended. Officers heard a male voice coming from the upstairs. In the upstairs master bedroom, officers found the mother: RIANNA MARIE CAMERON (DOB: 07/25/1990; hereinafter "Defendant"), and the father: B.G.L.

The Defendant was lying on the right side of the master bed. BGL was standing at the end of the bed near the Defendant's feet. An infant girl was also in the bed. She was lying at the foot of the bed, next to the Defendant's feet. Her umbilical cord was still attached to the Defendant. The infant was blue/purple in color, her eyes were closed, and she did not appear to be breathing. She was identified as Victim A.

When officers entered the room, they asked BGL how the Defendant was doing. He responded that she was "a little bit out of it." The Defendant then stirred and said she had been on a "bender." When asked what she meant, the Defendant said she had been drinking. She said she started drinking at about 5:00 p.m. The Defendant said she drank about a liter of whiskey. She was 34-weeks pregnant with Victim A.

Upon entering the master bedroom, officers also began life-saving measures on Victim A. Paramedics arrived at 8:54 p.m. with a heart monitor, registering Victim A's pulse at 60 beats per minute. This is considered very low for an infant. Victim A was transported to the hospital. On the way, her pulse was lost completely.

Victim A did not survive. She was officially pronounced dead at 9:39 p.m. In a subsequent autopsy, Victim A's death was found to be: "Complications of Acute Ethanol Intoxication and Unsupported Delivery." Her blood ethanol content was 0.234 g/dL. Medical staff did not find any other medical conditions which would have prevented Victim A from surviving.

The Defendant was also transported to the hospital. Prior to, officers observed numerous signs of impairment in the Defendant. She consented to a Preliminary Breath Test, and at 9:08 p.m., her Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) registered at 0.183. At the hospital, she was again tested, registering 0.21 at approximately 9:51. No other controlled substances were detected in her blood.

In speaking with the Defendant and BGL, officers learned the following transpired prior to their arrival on December 30:

At approximately 5:00 p.m., BGL went to the store to buy milk. When he left, the Defendant was downstairs on the couch. BGL returned at 5:30 p.m. The Defendant was upstairs in the master bedroom, passed out, but otherwise okay. BGL found Victim B and Victim C were in their cribs crying. He brought them downstairs and turned on a movie. BGL also found an empty 1.75 liter of Evan Williams whiskey in the kitchen. He said the bottle was at least half full the last time BGL saw it. Officers collected the bottle.

At approximately 8:30 p.m., BGL heard the Defendant screaming from the upstairs bedroom. He grabbed two cans of soda because the Defendant has Type I diabetes. He went upstairs and found the Defendant with her pants off. Victim A was wrapped somewhat in the Defendant's pants. He began to give Victim A

CPR and then called 911.

The Defendant knew the risks of drinking alcohol while pregnant with Victim A. She has a lengthy chemical dependency and child protection history. For instance, she has been civilly committed for alcohol addiction three times since 2012. She has been in and out of treatment. In 2015, a referral was made to Project Child after a report of prenatal alcohol exposure involving Victim C was received by Child Protection. In the months leading up to Victim A's death, the Defendant was reportedly in treatment. Her treatment provider made a report to Child Protection because the Defendant was drinking while pregnant. Law enforcement also spoke to the Defendant regarding her use in the months leading up to Victim A's death on at least two occasions. First on July 24. At that time, the Defendant told officers she was back in treatment. The second was on December 15. Then they again warned her about the dangers involved with drinking while pregnant. The Defendant told police she understood the dangers and claimed she was still doing treatment. She assured officers that no harm would come to the child. Victim A was dead 15 days later.

The Defendant is out of custody. Given the severity of the offense and the Defendant's severe chemical dependency, the State is requesting a warrant. Additionally, while the Defendant has engaged in some of her child protection case plan, the most recent update indicated that she disengaged in individual counseling and that the Department is extremely concerned about the Defendant's insight into her chemical dependency issues and the impact they have on her ability to provide a safe environment to her other children.

## 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**

Corbin Bateman  
Detective  
21860 Industrial Court  
Rogers, MN 55374  
Badge: 6811

Electronically Signed:  
07/24/2019 03:21 PM  
Hennepin County, Minn

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Leah Erickson  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
07/24/2019 02:49 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 the address listed on the attached court summons 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: \$50,000.00

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: July 24, 2019.

**Judicial Officer**

Toddrick Barnette  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 07/24/2019 04:45 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.

**RIANNA MARIE CAMERON**

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:

## DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

**Name:** RIANNA MARIE CAMERON  
**DOB:** 07/25/1990  
**Address:** 24581 Superior Drive  
Rogers, MN 55374

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:**

**Height:**

**Weight:**

**Eye Color:**

**Hair Color:**

**Gender:** FEMALE

**Race:** White

**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes

**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** No

**Driver's License #:**

**SILS Person ID #:** 719651

**SILS Tracking No.** 3094098

**Alcohol Concentration:**

## 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	12/30/2018	609.205(1) Manslaughter - 2nd Degree - Culpable Negligence Creating Unreasonable Risk	Felony	H5004		MN0273400	18019694
	Penalty	12/30/2018	609.205 Manslaughter - 2nd Degree	Felony	H5004		MN0273400	18019694
2	Charge	12/30/2018	609.205(5) Manslaughter - 2nd Degree - Commit or Attempt to Commit Violation	Felony	H5003		MN0273400	18019694
	Penalty	12/30/2018	609.205 Manslaughter - 2nd Degree	Felony	H5003		MN0273400	18019694