

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A08760  
Court File No. 27-CR-19-21375

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**GEORGE REEVES JENSEN DOB: 02/28/1936**

833 Bradford Ave  
Champlin, MN 55316

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: Criminal Vehicular Operation - Great Bodily Harm - Gross Negligence**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2113.1(1), with reference to: 609.2113.1

Maximum Sentence: 5 YEARS AND/OR \$10,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/09/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19008397

Charge Description: That on or about July 9, 2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, George Reeves Jensen did, by operating a motor vehicle in a grossly negligent manner, cause great bodily harm to Victim One.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Criminal Vehicular Operation - Great Bodily Harm - Gross Negligence**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2113.1(1), with reference to: 609.2113.1

Maximum Sentence: 5 YEARS AND/OR \$10,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/09/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19008397

Charge Description: That on or about July 9, 2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, George Reeves Jensen did, by operating a motor vehicle in a grossly negligent manner, cause great bodily harm to Victim Two.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Gross Negligence**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2113.2(1), with reference to: 609.2113.2

Maximum Sentence: 3 YEARS AND/OR \$10,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/09/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19008397

Charge Description: That on or about July 9, 2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, George Reeves Jensen did, by operating a motor vehicle in a grossly negligent manner, cause substantial bodily harm to Victim Three.

#### COUNT IV

**Charge: Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Gross Negligence**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2113.2(1), with reference to: 609.2113.2

Maximum Sentence: 3 YEARS AND/OR \$10,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/09/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19008397

Charge Description: That on or about July 9 2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, George Reeves Jensen did, by operating a motor vehicle in a grossly negligent manner, cause substantial bodily harm to Victim Four.

#### COUNT V

**Charge: Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Gross Negligence**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2113.2(1), with reference to: 609.2113.2

Maximum Sentence: 3 YEARS AND/OR \$10,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/09/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19008397

Charge Description: That on or about July 9 2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, George Reeves Jensen did, by operating a motor vehicle in a grossly negligent manner, cause substantial bodily harm to Victim Five.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On July 9, 2019, Minneapolis and Metro Transit Police officers were dispatched to a collision between a conversion van and a bus shelter near the intersection of Broadway and Lyndale Avenues North in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Officers arrived and saw that the conversion van had demolished a bus shelter injuring five individuals who were in and around the structure prior to the collision. Three of these individuals were pinned under rubble from the bus shelter and one was pinned under the passenger side of the van. The conversion van was being driven by GEORGE REEVES JENSEN, Defendant herein, at the time of the crash. Subsequent investigation revealed the following.

### Surveillance Video:

The bus shelter that was struck and completely demolished is located mid-block on Broadway Avenue near the parking lot entrance to a liquor store. That particular area is a known location for narcotics sales and prostitution activity. Surveillance video from several angles captured this collision and the events leading up to it. On that video, Defendant is seen arriving in the area by travelling southbound on Lyndale Avenue. Defendant turned right onto Broadway Avenue and stopped at the bus shelter blocking a lane of traffic. Defendant can be seen interacting with several women who were near the bus shelter prior to the collision. He then circled through the parking lot and travelled south on Lyndale – the same path he had just travelled.

When Defendant got to the Lyndale-Broadway intersection a second time, he sideswiped a Metro Transit bus as he crept towards the intersection. Defendant backed up and hit the bus a second time before pulling well into the intersection against a red light. He never stopped to assess the damage from hitting the bus. Defendant appeared to be pulling his vehicle into the intersection in order to give himself a view of the bus shelter on Broadway, where he was just interacting with several women. Once the light changed, Defendant very slowly turned back on to Broadway approaching the bus shelter. The video captures Defendant tapping his brakes at least four times for no apparent reason as he drifted between lanes. There are no vehicles travelling near him on Broadway and no pedestrians in the street to explain his slow speed or the repeated activation of his brake lights.

The video then shows Defendant slowly veer on to the curb, driving with one part of his vehicle on the roadway and the other on the sidewalk. Defendant then accelerated at a slow rate of speed towards the bus shelter striking a bench, newspaper stand, and bike rack before ramming into the bus shelter and the patrons inside. At no point once he was up on the curb, did Defendant activate his brakes even though he had activated the brakes seconds before.

### Witness Accounts:

Officers also spoke with several witnesses who saw the collision. Witness One was operating the Metro Transit bus that was struck twice by the Defendant. He described how Defendant struck the bus twice, but never made any attempt to stop or address that collision. The driver watched as Defendant made a right-hand turn and then he heard his vehicle accelerate prior to the collision.

Witness Two was standing on the sidewalk near the bus shelter at the time of the collision. Witness Two stated that he saw Defendant circling the area trying to find a woman to pick up. He saw Defendant talking with three women – one at his driver's side door and two at his passenger door. It seemed to Witness Two that Defendant was trying to pay one of the women, but none of them were interested. After the women

turned Defendant down, he circled through the liquor store parking lot, came around the block, and struck a bench and the bus shelter. Witness Two was struck with flying debris from the collision, but sustained no significant injuries.

Witness Three was driving on Broadway Avenue just before the crash. She saw Defendant stopped at the bus shelter and saw three women talking with Defendant - two were at his passenger side, and one was at his driver's side. She could not hear the conversation at the van, but continued to watch as Defendant circled the block returning to the bus shelter and striking it.

Witness Four was present at the scene near the time of the collision. She stated that she knows Defendant as "Howard" and stated that Defendant has been coming around the bus stop for about three years to talk to the women who hang out there. She stated Defendant will give women ten dollars if they give Defendant their phone number.

#### Defendant's Statement:

Following the collision, Defendant provided a statement to law enforcement. Defendant stated that he was in the area to go to the farmer's market on Lyndale, which he stated he does several times a week. Defendant described for officers that he turned on Broadway from Lyndale to go to the McDonald's to get coffee. A McDonald's is located further west of the collision site on Broadway. Defendant stated that he was going to turn around in the liquor store parking lot when he accidentally hit the gas instead of the brake, causing the collision. There is no apparent reason why Defendant would need to turn around again in the liquor store parking lot as he was travelling towards the McDonald's at the time of the collision.

Defendant was confronted with the fact that he was seen in the parking lot and talking to the women at the bus shelter. Defendant stated that he does know some of the people who were at the corner "from being down there." He stated that he knows that the area is known for prostitution and admitted that he talks to the women sometimes. He stated that if he recognizes anyone, he stops to talk, but did not think that he stopped to talk to anyone that day. Defendant admitted that he knows one girl who hangs out at this corner and he sometimes gives her \$10-\$20 just to help her out. He stated that when he turned onto Broadway, he hit the gas instead of the brake, but could not explain why he needed to hit the brake once he turned on Broadway. He similarly could not explain how he ended up on the curb before striking the bus shelter.

#### Victim Injuries:

Victim One suffered multiple open pelvic fractures resulting in significant blood loss. He also suffered fractures of multiple ribs and his vertebra. He remains hospitalized following multiple surgeries.

Victim Two suffered multiple bilateral rib fractures, a laceration of the spleen, fractures of both legs, a laceration of the scalp, and a contusion of the lung. Victim Two was discharged from the hospital after several weeks of treatment, but has since been readmitted to the hospital requiring an additional surgery.

Victim Three suffered a traumatic brain injury with loss of consciousness and multiple rib fractures.

Victim Four suffered a spinal fracture.

Victim Five suffered multiple rib fractures.

## 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**

Troy David Schmitz  
Lieutenant  
2425 Minnehaha Avenue S  
Minneapolis, MN 55404-4117  
Badge: 68071

Electronically Signed:  
08/30/2019 11:22 AM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Erin Lutz  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
08/30/2019 11:09 AM

**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: \$75,000.00

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: August 30, 2019.

**Judicial Officer**

Joseph R Klein  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/30/2019 11:27 AM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**GEORGE REEVES JENSEN**

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:** GEORGE REEVES JENSEN  
**DOB:** 02/28/1936  
**Address:** 833 Bradford Ave  
Champlin, MN 55316

**Alias Names/DOB:**  
**SID:**  
**Height:**  
**Weight:**  
**Eye Color:**  
**Hair Color:**  
**Gender:** MALE  
**Race:** Unknown  
**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes  
**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** No  
**Driver's License #:**  
**SILS Person ID #:** 393018  
**SILS Tracking No.** 3114975  
**Alcohol Concentration:**

## 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	7/9/2019	609.2113.1(1) Criminal Vehicular Operation - Great Bodily Harm - Gross Negligence	Felony	J1A21		MN0274300	19008397
	Penalty	7/9/2019	609.2113.1 Criminal Vehicular Operation - Great Bodily Harm - Penalty	Felony	J1A21		MN0274300	19008397
2	Charge	7/9/2019	609.2113.1(1) Criminal Vehicular Operation - Great Bodily Harm - Gross Negligence	Felony	J1A21		MN0274300	19008397
	Penalty	7/9/2019	609.2113.1 Criminal Vehicular Operation - Great Bodily Harm - Penalty	Felony	J1A21		MN0274300	19008397
3	Charge	7/9/2019	609.2113.2(1) Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Gross Negligence	Felony	J1A31		MN0274300	19008397
	Penalty	7/9/2019	609.2113.2 Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Penalty	Felony	J1A31		MN0274300	19008397
4	Charge	7/9/2019	609.2113.2(1) Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Gross Negligence	Felony	J1A31		MN0274300	19008397
	Penalty	7/9/2019	609.2113.2 Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Penalty	Felony	J1A31		MN0274300	19008397
5	Charge	7/9/2019	609.2113.2(1) Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Gross Negligence	Felony	J1A31		MN0274300	19008397
	Penalty	7/9/2019	609.2113.2 Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Penalty	Felony	J1A31		MN0274300	19008397