

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 16A05156  
Court File No. 27-CR-16-12289

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**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**MELANIE SUE CAREY DOB: 12/03/1976**

2948 75th Ave N  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444

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: Aggravated Robbery-2nd Degree**

Minnesota Statute: 609.245.2, with reference to: 609.245.2

Maximum Sentence: 15 YEARS AND/OR \$30,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/19/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16001332

Charge Description: That on or about 4/19/2016, in the City of Brooklyn Center in Hennepin County, Minnesota, MELANIE SUE CAREY took personal property from the person or in the presence of A.B., knowing that she was not entitled to the property, while implying, by word or act, possession of a dangerous weapon.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Aggravated Robbery-2nd Degree**

Minnesota Statute: 609.245.2, with reference to: 609.245.2

Maximum Sentence: 15 YEARS AND/OR \$30,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/19/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16001332

Charge Description: That on or about 4/28/2016, in the City of Richfield in Hennepin County, Minnesota, MELANIE SUE CAREY took personal property from the person or in the presence of W.O., knowing that she was not entitled to the property, while implying, by word or act, possession of a dangerous weapon.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Aggravated Robbery-2nd Degree**

Minnesota Statute: 609.245.2, with reference to: 609.245.2, 609.17.4(2)

Maximum Sentence: 15 YEARS AND/OR \$30,000, HALF OF

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/19/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16001332

Charge Description: That on or about 4/19/2016, in the City of Robbinsdale in Hennepin County, Minnesota, MELANIE SUE CAREY attempted to take personal property from the person or in the presence of D.H., knowing that she was not entitled to the property, while implying, by word or act, possession of a dangerous weapon.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On April 19, 2016, officers were called to the Wells Fargo Bank in the 5600 block of Brooklyn Boulevard, City of Brooklyn Center, County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, on a report of a robbery. Officers arrived and learned that a woman, later identified as MELANIE SUE CAREY, "the Defendant" herein, had come into the bank and approached a teller, A.B. The Defendant was dressed in an oversized sweater, a black fish hat, and oversized sunglasses. The Defendant displayed a handwritten note to the teller that said to the effect of: "I am armed. This is a robbery. Give me the Cash. Don't press anything." The teller told officers that the note was written on a plain white envelope in black marker. The teller reported that she asked the Defendant what she wanted, and the Defendant told her to give her whatever the teller had. The teller told officers she gave the Defendant numerous bills, including \$20 bills, \$10 bills, and \$5 bills. In total, the bank reported approximately \$865 missing from the victim teller's drawer.

Officers obtained surveillance footage from the robbery and provided a press release with a photograph of the Defendant. A person who knows the Defendant contacted law enforcement to provide officer's with the Defendant's identity. Additionally, officers learned that a vehicle observed at the scene matched one registered to the Defendant's mother. Officers obtained a GPS tracker warrant for the Defendant's vehicle and a tracker warrant for the Defendant's cell phone.

On April 28, 2016, officers were called to the Wells Fargo Bank in the 6400 block of Nicollet Avenue South, City of Richfield, County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, on a report of a robbery. Officers met with a teller, W.O., who stated that a woman, later identified as the Defendant, approached her wearing a hood over her head that covered most of her face. The Defendant placed a white envelope on the counter with writing on it to the effect of: "I am armed. Give me the cash. Don't pull the alarm." The teller told officers she opened her cash drawer and gave all the bills to the Defendant, which totaled \$4980.

On May 5, 2016, officers were monitoring the trackers on the Defendant's vehicle and phone. Officers noted that the track went past banks in St. Cloud, Coon Rapids, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, and Robbinsdale. Officers noted that the vehicle would stop at or near a bank before moving on after a short time. Officers noted that the vehicle came to a stop near the parking lot for the TCF Bank location in the 4200 block of West Broadway, City of Robbinsdale, County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota. A short time later, officers were dispatched to an attempted bank robbery at that location. Officers learned that the Defendant entered the bank and approached a teller, D.H. D.H. told officers the Defendant was holding a note that D.H. had a hard time reading. However, D.H. was able to see that it said "put the money on the counter" and "don't push the button." D.H. said she believed the Defendant was attempting to rob the bank. D.H. stated that she looked down at her shoes, at which point the Defendant said, "You just pushed the button." The Defendant then fled the bank.

Officers stopped the Defendant in her vehicle shortly after. Officers observed clothing within the vehicle that matched the clothes of the suspect in the Robbinsdale attempt as well as the robberies in Brooklyn Center and Richfield. Officers executed a search warrant at the Defendant's residence, which revealed a hat that matched that worn in the Brooklyn Center robbery.

Officers met with the Defendant. The Defendant told officers that she had tried to rob the TCF Bank in Robbinsdale. She also told officers she had robbed the Wells Fargo Bank in Brooklyn Center. She stated that she had a note that said she had a gun and to give her the money. The Defendant said the robbery in Robbinsdale did not feel right so she ran off after giving the teller the note demanding money. The

Defendant went on to tell officers that she had also committed the robbery of the Wells Fargo Bank in Richfield. The Defendant told officers that she got \$800 from the Brooklyn Center robbery and a little less than \$5,000 in the Richfield robbery.

## 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**

Charles Valleau  
Detective  
6645 Humboldt Avenue N  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430  
Badge: 141

Electronically Signed:  
05/06/2016 02:32 PM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Mike Radmer  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
05/06/2016 02:25 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 401 Fourth Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55415 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: \$200,000.00

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: May 6, 2016.

**Judicial Officer**

Carolina A Lamas  
Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/06/2016 02:47 PM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

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**MELANIE SUE CAREY**

Defendant

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

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: