

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.  
Court File No.

17A09004  
27-CR-17-20404

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**IMELDO VILLA-PENALOZA DOB: 01/17/1998**

4547 RUSSELL AVE N  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55412

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Warrant

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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: Drugs - 1st Degree - Sale - 17 Grams or More-Cocaine or Meth w/in 90-Day Period**

Minnesota Statute: 152.021.1(1), with reference to: 609.101.3, 152.021.3(c)

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS AND/OR \$300,000-\$1,000,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/10/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17002738

Charge Description: That on or about 7/10/2017, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, IMELDO VILLA-PENALOZA unlawfully sold, gave away, bartered, delivered, exchanged, distributed, disposed of to another, offered to sell, agreed to sell, manufactured or possessed with intent to sell one or more mixtures of a total weight of 100 grams or more containing methamphetamine.

Minimum Sentence: 65 MONTHS

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Drugs - 1st Degree - Possess 50 grams or more - cocaine or methamphetamine**

Minnesota Statute: 152.021.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.101.3, 152.021.3(c)

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS AND/OR \$300,000-\$1,000,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/10/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17002738

Charge Description: That on or about 7/10/2017, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, IMELDO VILLA-PENALOZA unlawfully possessed one or more mixtures of a total weight of 50 grams or more containing methamphetamine.

Minimum Sentence: 65 MONTHS

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On July 10, 2017, officers conducting surveillance in the area of 101 Blake Road, Hopkins, Hennepin County, Minnesota when they observed a male, C.P.S., arrive in the area driving an Acura RL with Minnesota license plate 302-LZK. C.P.S. parked next to an Infiniti SUV with Minnesota license plate 6BC604, removed a blue box from the trunk of the Infiniti, and placed the box in the trunk of the Acura. C.P.S. then moved his vehicle to a different location within the same parking lot.

A short time later, a Cadillac SUV with Minnesota license plate 326-TXP arrived and met with C.P.S. IMELDO VILLA-PENALOZA, DOB: 1/17/1998, Defendant herein, was identified as the passenger of the Cadillac. Officers observed Defendant meet with C.P.S. Defendant was carrying a backpack, which he placed into the Acura, removed the blue box from the Acura, got back into the Cadillac, and left the area.

Officers initiated a traffic stop on the Cadillac. A subsequent search of the Cadillac resulted in the seizure of approximately 4,605.33 grams, or 10.15 pounds, of field-tested positive methamphetamine separated into 10 bags from a blue box located on the floor in the front passenger seat between Defendant's feet. Additional bags were also recovered from the vehicle containing approximately 618.5 grams, or 1.3 pounds, of field-tested positive methamphetamine. Officers also seized \$1,510.00 in cash and a black cell phone from inside the car.

During a post-Miranda statement, Defendant told officers that he had picked up approximately 10 pounds of methamphetamine from an individual known to him as "nono." He gave this individual a backpack that contained \$22,000.00 in cash. He explained that after picking up the methamphetamine, he would be given instructions on where to meet customers and sell the methamphetamine.

Due to the severity of the charges, it is unlikely Defendant will appear and a warrant is being requested.

## 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**

Ryan Soliday  
Police Officer  
6645 Humboldt Avenue N  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430  
Badge: 163

Electronically Signed:  
08/16/2017 09:29 AM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Allison E Reyerson  
Attorney  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
08/16/2017 09:08 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 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.

*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 16, 2017.

**Judicial Officer**

Frank Magill  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/16/2017 09:57 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.

**IMELDO VILLA-PENALOZA**

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: