

State of Minnesota
County of Dakota

District Court
1st Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. CA-2021-00978
Court File No. 19HA-CR-21-944

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

BARBARA ANN CROSBY DOB: 09/17/1974

12250 Portland Ave S
Burnsville, MN 55337

Defendant.

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: Mistreatment of Animals

Minnesota Statute: 343.21.1, with reference to: 343.21.9(d)
Maximum Sentence: 0-2 Years and/or \$1,500.00 - \$5,000.00
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/27/2021 to 03/27/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21000944

Charge Description: On or about March 27, 2021, in the County of Dakota, Minnesota, BARBARA ANN CROSBY did cause death or great bodily harm to a pet or companion animal, whether it belonged to them or another person, by overdriving, overloading, torturing, cruelly beating, neglecting, or unjustifiably injuring, maiming, mutilating, or killing the animal, or cruelly worked the animal when it was unfit for labor.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 27, 2021, Lakeville Police discovered a deceased labrador retriever near a walking trail in Lakeville, Dakota County, Minnesota. The dog appeared to have been stabbed. The animal was found attached to a leash that was tied around a tree. Large amounts of bloodlike substance were observed on the dog.

A full necropsy of the animal was performed by the University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. The cause of death was determined to be multiple stab wounds to the neck and aspiration of blood into the dog's lungs.

During the necropsy, an injection point was located on the neck of the dog. A white substance was located near that injection site. That substance was tested by the Minnesota Department of Health and found to be a mix of tramadol, O-desmethyltramadol, and diazepam. Police learned that the dog was healthy for its age and had not recently had any procedures and would not have been expected to have an injection site. No veterinary professional had administered any form of the substances found in the white substance to the dog. Tramadol and O-desmethyltramadol are an opioid analgesic used to treat pain. Diazepam is a benzodiazepine commonly used to treat anxiety.

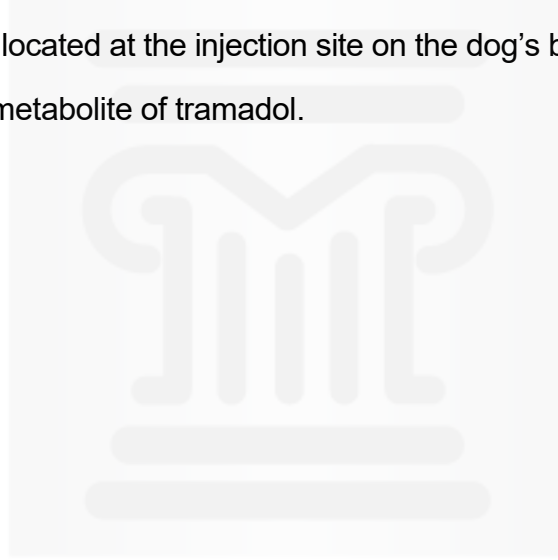
Police learned that Barbara Ann Crosby (DOB 9/17/1974) (hereinafter defendant) had been walking with the dog in the hours prior to its death. The owner of the dog was identified as the fiancé of defendant. Specifically, when defendant's fiancé left his residence at approximately 7:00 AM, defendant was still asleep at the residence with the dog present at the home. Sometime before noon, when the dog's body was discovered, defendant took the dog for a walk. Defendant left a note for her fiancé telling him that she was taking the dog for a walk.

Officers interacted with the defendant after discovering the dog's body and observed scratches on the defendant that appeared to be consistent with scratches from a dog.

Multiple items of defendant's clothing were located near the area where the dog's remains were discovered. One of the defendant's clothing items found near the dog was tested at the Hennepin County Crime Lab. That item had four separate areas of blood not of human origin.

Police learned from multiple sources that it was uncommon for defendant to walk the dog. In fact, prior to the dog's death, defendant made it well known that she did not like the dog. Whenever the defendant was around the dog, she would push him away and refer to him by negative names. After the dog was killed, defendant told a relative of the dog owner that she had previously wished the dog would die in his sleep or disappear and take the burden off she and her fiancé.

Officers learned through subsequent investigation that the defendant had an active prescription for tramadol, one of the substances located at the injection site on the dog's body during the necropsy. O-desmethyltramadol is an active metabolite of tramadol.



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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 Frame
Police Officer
9237 183rd Street W
Lakeville, MN 55044
Badge: 4877

Electronically Signed:
04/20/2021 11:13 AM
Dakota County, sframe

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Emily Froehle
attorney
1560 Hwy 55
Hastings, MN 55033-2392
(651) 438-4438

Electronically Signed:
04/20/2021 11:03 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 as directed in the Notice of Hearing before the above-named court 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 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: \$
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: April 20, 2021.

Judicial Officer

Dannia Edwards
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 04/20/2021 04:37 PM

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

**COUNTY OF DAKOTA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

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Barbara Ann Crosby

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: Barbara Ann Crosby
DOB: 09/17/1974
Address: 12250 Portland Ave S
Burnsville, MN 55337

Alias Names/DOB:

SID:

Height: 5' 4"
Weight: 125lbs.
Eye Color: Brown
Hair Color: Unknown or completely bald
Gender: FEMALE
Race: White
Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: No
Driver's License #: G177089607015 (MN)
Alcohol Concentration:



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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	3/27/2021	343.21.1 Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture	Felony	M8196	N	MN0191100	21000944
	Penalty	3/27/2021	343.21.9(d) Torture or cruelty to pet or companion animal- Death or Great Bodily Harm	Felony	M8196	N	MN0191100	21000944



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