

State of Minnesota
County of HennepinDistrict Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.	MIN0110129550
Court File No.	27-CR-25-31205

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KARISSA LEE FORREST DOB: 08/16/1996778 Winslow Ave Apt 3
Saint Paul, MN 55107-3389

Defendant.

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 - Bodily Harm - Alcohol Concentration .08 or more**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2113.3(3)

Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/05/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25118449

Charge Description: Defendant did cause bodily harm to another as a result of operating a motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more.

COUNT II**Charge: 2nd Degree DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol**

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1)

Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/05/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25118449

Charge Description: Defendant did drive, operate, or have physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and two or more aggravating factors, as defined by Minnesota Statutes Section 169A.03, subdivision 3, were present when the violation was committed. Minnesota Statutes Sections 169A.20.1(1); 169A.25.1(a)

COUNT III**Charge: 2nd Degree DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours**

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(5)

Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/05/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25118449

Charge Description: Defendant did drive, operate, or have physical control of a motor vehicle when defendant's alcohol concentration at the time, or as measured within two hours of the time, of driving, operating, or being in physical control of the motor vehicle is 0.08 or more and two or more aggravating factors, as defined by Minnesota Statutes Section 169A.03, subdivision 3, were present when the violation was committed. Minnesota Statutes Sections 169A.20.1(5); 169A.25.1(a)

COUNT IV

Charge: Traffic Regulations - Failure to obey traffic control device

Minnesota Statute: 169.06.4(a)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/05/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25118449

Charge Description: Defendant did fail to obey the instructions of any official traffic-control device and the violation was committed in a manner or under circumstances so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property. Minnesota Statutes Sections 169.06.4(a); 169.89.1(1)

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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On or about May 5, 2025, at approximately 7:07 p.m., police officers responded to the scene of a two vehicle traffic accident at the intersection of East Lake Street and First Avenue South in the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Upon arriving, officers observed two severely damaged vehicles whose occupants were still seated inside. With the assistance of a bystander, officers pried open the door of a 2016 Chevrolet Traverse (MN EBP577) to free a woman later identified as Karissa Lee FORREST (D.O.B. 08-16-1996), Defendant hereinafter, from driver's seat. Officers also helped Defendant's juvenile daughter K.R.F. (D.O.B. 08-30-2016) exit the Chevrolet and observed that her cheek had begun to swell and that her knee bore several scrapes. Defendant's boyfriend was able to exit the Chevrolet without assistance, but officers observed he was bleeding from his left ear. After the driver of the other vehicle involved in the accident told officers he was experiencing back pain, ambulances were called to treat everyone involved in the crash.

While speaking with Defendant at the scene, officers noticed that she smelled of alcohol, her eyes were bloodshot and watery, and her speech was slurred. Defendant told one of the officers she consumed a shot of alcohol before operating the Chevrolet, but she refused to take a preliminary breath test to determine her blood alcohol concentration ("BAC"). While Defendant was transported to Hennepin County Medical Center ("HCMC") to receive care for her injuries, officers obtained a warrant to search her blood or urine for the presence of alcohol. At 9:01 p.m., Defendant voluntarily submitted to a blood draw, and a sample of her blood was sent to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension who determined that at the time of the blood draw her BAC was 0.19.

Officers reviewed a recording from a traffic camera that captured the moment of impact and determined that while traveling westbound on East Lake Street, Defendant ran a red light at 1st Avenue before striking the other vehicle proceeding through the intersection with the right of way.

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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

Ryan Davis
Sergeant
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 1442

Electronically Signed:
12/04/2025 07:29 PM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Tazio Lombardo
350 S 5th St Room 210
Minneapolis, MN 55415
(612) 673-2010

Electronically Signed:
12/04/2025 09:06 AM

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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.

☐ **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: \$

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: December 5, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Jane Maschka

Electronically Signed: 12/05/2025 08:29 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.

Karissa Lee Forrest

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:

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DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
12/11/2025

Name: Karissa Lee Forrest
DOB: 08/16/1996
Address: 778 Winslow Ave Apt 3
Saint Paul, MN 55107-3389

Alias Names/DOB:

SID:

Height:

Weight: 220lbs.

Eye Color: Brown

Hair Color:

Gender: FEMALE

Race: American Indian

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: No

Driver's License #: Q237182269912 (MN)

License Plate #: EBP577 (MN)

Vehicle Info: TRV

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	5/5/2025	609.2113.3(3) Criminal Vehicular Operation - Bodily Harm - Alcohol Concentration .08 or more	Gross Misdemeanor	J2W51		MN0271100	25118449
2	Charge	5/5/2025	169A.20.1(1) Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol	Gross Misdemeanor	JE501		MN0271100	25118449
3	Charge	5/5/2025	169A.20.1(5) Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours	Gross Misdemeanor	JEW01		MN0271100	25118449
4	Charge	5/5/2025	169.06.4(a) Traffic Regulations - Failure to obey traffic control device	Misdemeanor	J3901		MN0271100	25118449

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