

State of Minnesota  
County of Olmsted

District Court  
3rd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0550077876  
Court File No. 55-CR-24-4212

**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**MARGOT LEWIS DOB: 05/20/1992**

920 Saint Andrews Drive  
North Liberty, IA 52317

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Order of Detention

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: Interference with dead body or scene of death - Conceal body**

Minnesota Statute: 609.502.1(1), with reference to: 609.502.1a

Maximum Sentence: 3 years imprisonment, \$5,000, fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/22/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24917585

Charge Description: On or about June 22, 2024, in the County of Olmsted, Minnesota, Margot Lewis did interfere with the body or scene of death with intent to conceal the body.

**STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

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Your complainant is a licensed peace officer employed by the Olmsted County Sheriff's Department. In that capacity your Complainant has reviewed the police reports relating to Margot G. Lewis (dob 5/20/92), the above-named defendant, and the allegations contained therein. Based upon that information, your complainant believes the following to be true and correct.

On Saturday, June 22, 2024, law enforcement was dispatched to the intersection of Interstate 90 and Minnesota Highway 42 for a one-vehicle traffic crash. Upon arrival, Deputy Mark Baron located a gray Chevrolet Sonic (Iowa NIT-915) in the center median of Interstate 90. A bystander directed Deputy Baron to an adult female sitting on a folding chair in the center median. The bystander reported that the female was the driver of the Sonic, and that the folding chair had been provided by a bystander who happened upon the crash.

Deputy Baron observed tire tracks in the center median of Interstate 90 that were traveling in a west - east direction. The Sonic appeared to have been traveling eastbound on Interstate 90 and entered the median at a high rate of speed. The Sonic appeared to have impacted the guard rail that surrounded the pillars of the Highway 42 bridge over Interstate 90.

The bystanders indicated to Deputy Baron that they suspected that there was an injured or deceased person in the Sonic. Deputy Baron opened the passenger-side rear door of the Sonic. The back seats of the Sonic were folded down. Deputy Baron observed the head of a human body that was wrapped in a bed sheet, a blanket, a futon-style mattress, and a tarp. The body was in a position with its head toward the passenger-side rear door and its feet was toward the driver's side. The body was cold to the touch and Deputy Baron was unable to detect a pulse. There appeared to be dried blood soaked into the bed sheet. It was apparent to Deputy Baron that the death of the person found in the back seat was not a result of the traffic crash.

Investigators from the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and the Olmsted County Medical Examiner arrived on scene. The body of the deceased person was removed from the vehicle. Using the driver's license photograph of the registered owner of the Sonic, Deputy Baron determined and confirmed the identity of the deceased person (hereinafter "Victim"). While Deputy Baron was viewing Victim's face, Deputy Baron also observed a large wound on the right side of the neck around the carotid artery.

The driver of the Sonic at the time of the crash was identified as MARGOT G. LEWIS (DOB 5/20/92). LEWIS was evaluated at Mayo Clinic Hospital - St. Marys Campus and medically cleared. LEWIS was then taken to the Olmsted County Adult Detention Center. LEWIS did not respond audibly to detention staff or investigators.

An autopsy was performed on Sunday, June 23, 2024. The preliminary information provided by the Medical Examiner's Office was that the fatal injuries suffered by Victim were not caused by, and preceded, the car crash.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: YOU MUST APPEAR FOR EVERY COURT HEARING REGARDING THIS CASE. FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR COURT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL CHARGES BEING IMPOSED AND PUNISHED AS PROVIDED IN MINNESOTA**



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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**

Malinda M Hanson  
Sergeant  
101 4th Street SE  
Rochester, MN 55904-3718  
Badge: 1675

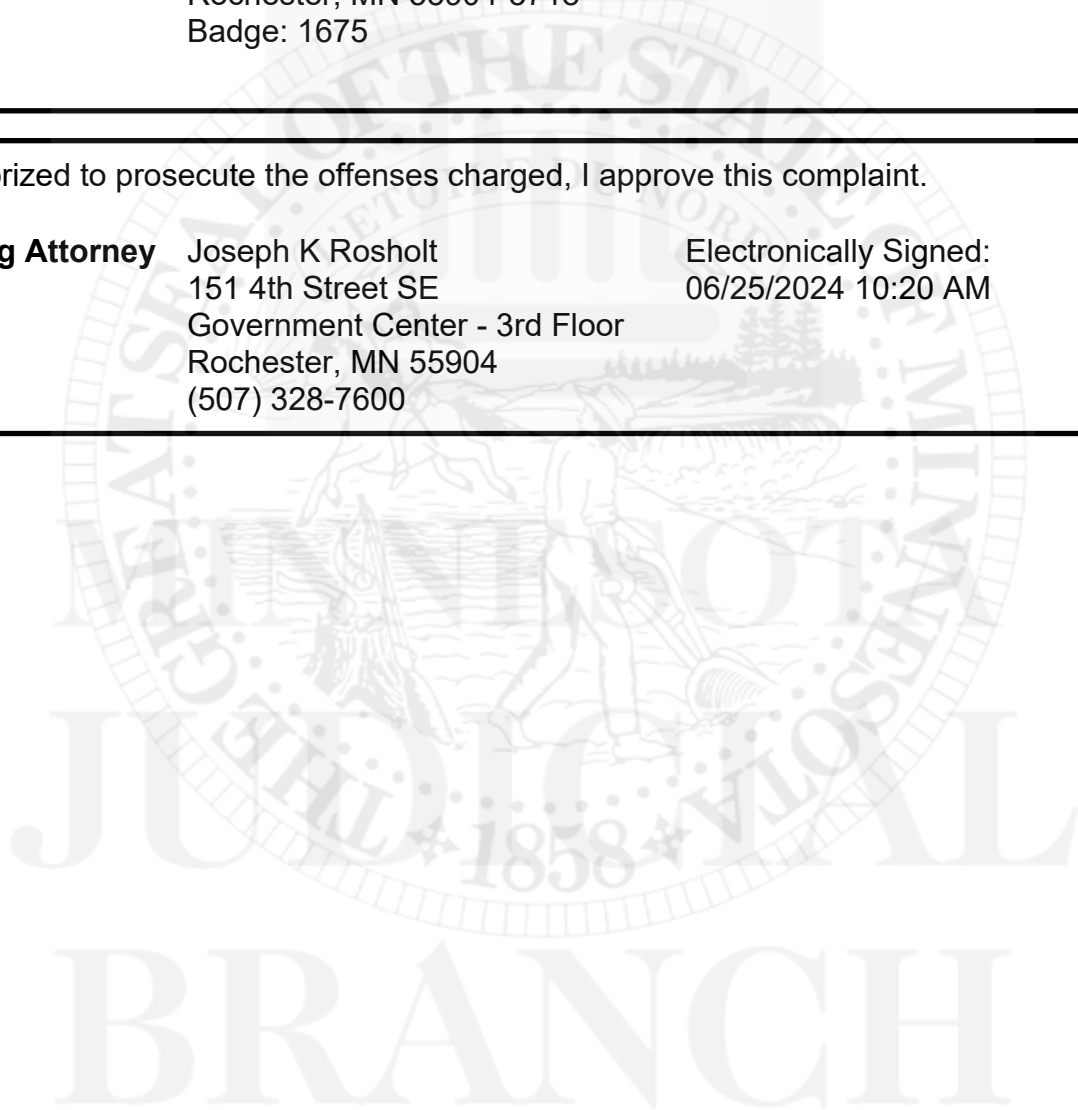
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06/25/2024 10:24 AM  
Olmsted County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Joseph K Rosholt  
151 4th Street SE  
Government Center - 3rd Floor  
Rochester, MN 55904  
(507) 328-7600

Electronically Signed:  
06/25/2024 10:20 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.

*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: June 25, 2024.

**Judicial Officer**

Debra A Jacobson  
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 06/25/2024 10:32 AM

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

**COUNTY OF OLMSTED  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff  
vs.

**Margot Lewis**  
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:

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**DEFENDANT FACT SHEET**

Filed in District Court  
State of Minnesota  
6/25/2024

**Name:** Margot Lewis  
**DOB:** 05/20/1992  
**Address:** 920 Saint Andrews Drive  
North Liberty, IA 52317

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:**

**Height:**

**Weight:**

**Eye Color:**

**Hair Color:**

**Gender:**

**Race:**

**Fingerprints Required per Statute:**

**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:**

**Driver's License #:**

**Alcohol Concentration:**

155lbs.

Yes

No

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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	6/22/2024	609.502.1(1) Interference with dead body or scene of death - Conceal body	Felony	X1070		MN0550000	24917585
	Penalty	6/22/2024	609.502.1a Interference with dead body or scene of death - Penalty	Felony	X1070		MN0550000	24917585



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