
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF DAKOTA

DISTRICT COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COURT FILE NO. 19HA-CR-12-1294
COUNTY ATTORNEY FILE NO. CA-12-0048
CONTROLLING AGENCY: MN0190000
CONTROL NUMBER: 11001727

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

v.

DAYNA KRISTINE BELL
3066 310 St E
Northfield MN 55057
DOB: 2-28-51

Defendant.

☐ SUMMONS
☐ WARRANT
☐ ORDER OF DETENTION
☒ AMENDED

AMENDED COMPLAINT

The Complainant, being duly sworn, makes complaint to the above-named Court and states that there is probable cause to believe that the Defendant committed the following offense(s):

COUNT I

ANIMAL CRUELTY

M.S. § 343.21, subd. 7, subd. 9(d); 609.101

0 - 2 years imprisonment and/or \$1,500 - \$5,000 or both

MOC: M8199

GOC: N

☒ Felony

☐ Gross Misdemeanor

☐ Misdemeanor

☐ Petty Misdemeanor

That on or about September 25, 2011, in Dakota County, Minnesota, DAYNA KRISTINE BELL did willfully instigate or in any way further any act of cruelty to any animal or animals, or any act tending to produce cruelty to animals, and the violation resulted in death to a pet or companion animal, to wit: puppy #1.

COUNT II

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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COUNT III

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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0 - 2 years imprisonment and/or \$1,500 - \$5,000 or both

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That on or about September 26, 2011, in Dakota County, Minnesota, DAYNA KRISTINE BELL did willfully instigate or in any way further any act of cruelty to any animal or animals, or any act tending to produce cruelty to animals, and the violation resulted in death to a pet or companion animal, to wit: black and white male dog, Teddy Bear breed.

COUNT IV

ANIMAL CRUELTY

M.S. § 343.21, subd. 7, subd. 9(d); 609.101

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COUNT V

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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That on an about September 15 – September 29, 2011, in Dakota County, Minnesota, DAYNA KRISTINE BELL did willfully instigate or in any way further any act of cruelty to any animal or animals, or any act tending to produce cruelty to animals, and the violation resulted in death to a pet or companion animal, to wit: puppy #3.

COUNT VI

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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COUNT VII

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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COUNT VIII

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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COUNT IX

ANIMAL CRUELTY

M.S. § 343.21, subd. 7, subd. 9(d); 609.101

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COUNT X

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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COUNT XI

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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COUNT XII

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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COUNT XIII

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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COUNT XIV

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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COUNT XV

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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COUNT XVI

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

Your Complainant is an investigator with the Dakota County Sheriff's Office. In that capacity I have reviewed the police reports and believe the following to be true.

On September 27, 2011 the Dakota County Sheriff's Department received a report of cruelty and maltreatment of animals by Dayna Kristine Bell, owner and operator of Bell Kennels and Farm located on 310th Street East in Sciota Township, Dakota County, Minnesota. The complainants, three former employees, reported various incidents of Bell mistreating the dogs on her property.

Witness #1 reported that on September 25, 2011 she arrived at work and noticed a dog had given birth to six puppies in a wire kennel. Two of the puppies were deceased. Two of the other puppies had severely injured legs. Witness #1 brought this to the attention of Bell. Bell grabbed the two dead puppies and the two injured puppies (puppy #1 and puppy #2) and placed them in a bucket of water. She then proceeded to place another bucket on top of that one. The second bucket contained water and a Clorox bottle for weight to hold the top bucket down, drowning the puppies. Witness #1 reported that after about fifteen minutes she witnessed Bell place the four dead puppies in a plastic garbage bag and throw them in the garbage.

Witness #1 reported that on September 26, 2011 Bell was complaining about money issues. Witness #1 watched Bell take four dogs from the big kennels, put them in smaller travel kennels, and take them down to the barn. Witness #1 asked Bell what she was doing and was told that "this is a one stop shop". About an hour passed and Bell returned to the kennel without the dogs and proceeded to take two more dogs with her. Witness #1 then saw Bell on the deck of her swimming pool. Witness #1 witnessed Bell tie a rope to the neck of a small black and white male Teddy Bear breed dog. Witness #1 saw that the other end of the rope was tied to a cinder

block. Witness #1 reported that Bell proceeded to throw the dog and the block into the pool. Witness #1 left the area and assumed that the Teddy Bear drowned.

Witness #1 reported that she was bit by a small male Pappion breed dog in late August of 2011. Witness #1 reported that Bell told her to “get over it, it was a little bite.” On September 27, 2011, Bell attempted to handle the same dog and the dog bit Bell on her right arm near her wrist. Witness #1 observed Bell take the dog from the building and take it to the back yard. When Bell returned she told Witness #1, “That mother f----- will never bother any of us again. I broke its damn neck”.

Witness #1 also reported that in the days prior to her report to police she observed a blue bucket in the back room of the kennel. The bucket had a cinder block sitting beside it. Witness #1 reported that inside the bucket, under the cinder block, was a puppy (puppy #3). Another employee, Witness #2, reported that she did not see the puppy at the time of the drowning but did see the cinder block and hair in the bucket.

Witness #2 reported that in late September while in the grooming room, Bell put a puppy (puppy #4) in a bucket of water and placed another bucket on top of that with a bottle of Pine Sol in it to hold the puppy down in the water. Witness #2 questioned Bell about this and was told the puppy was not going to live, so she needed to put it out of its misery. Another employee, Witness #3, reported seeing the dead puppy in the bucket. Witness #3 reported that he asked Bell about the puppy and was told by Bell that the puppy was born a week earlier and was not doing well, so she did not want to see it suffer.

On September 29, 2011, the Dakota County Sheriff’s Department executed a search warrant on Bell’s property. During execution of the warrant, members of the Sheriff’s Department located the blue bucket, which the witnesses’ described and a cinder block with a rope tied to it as referenced by the employees. During the search the deputies located 10 small-breed adult dogs, each in individual plastic bags in a freezer chest on the property. The officers

believed that the dogs were wet when placed in the freezer because their fur had appeared to be wet when they were frozen. Bell denied knowing anything about any of the dogs in the freezer and claimed she did not know how they got there. Bell was also confronted about drowning the puppies as reported by the employees. Bell admitted to drowning the four puppies from the litter of six reported by Witness #1. Deputies observed a bite on Bell's right hand. Bell was questioned about the dog that bit her. Bell claimed that after the dog bit her she gave the dog to a friend in Wisconsin, but was unable to provide the last name of the friend.

Bell's primary veterinarian was interviewed. The veterinarian reported that in 2011 she euthanized two adult dogs for Bell; one was a golden retriever and the other a Labrador retriever. The veterinarian reported that she knew nothing about any dogs found in the freezer.

NOTICE: You must appear for every court hearing on this charge. A failure to appear for court on this charge is a criminal offense and may be punished as provided in Minn. Stat. §609.49.

Complainant requests that Defendant, DAYNA KRISTINE BELL, 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'S NAME

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned this ____ day of _____, 2012.

NOTARY STAMP:

SIGNATURE

Notary Public

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

Date: _____ (rac)

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY SIGNATURE:

Name: Jessica A. Bierwerth
Assistant Dakota County Attorney
Dakota County Judicial Center
1560 Highway 55
Hastings MN 55033
(651) 438-4438
Attorney Registration No.: 0337808

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.

☒ SUMMONS

THEREFORE YOU, THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT, ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear on the date stated on the attached Notice of Hearing before the above-named court at Dakota County Judicial Center, 1560 Highway 55, Hastings, Minnesota, 55033 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 hereby order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the above-named Defendant be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the above-named 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 MN and Border States*

☐ ORDER OF DETENTION

Since the above-named Defendant is already in custody, I hereby order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the above-named Defendant continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

Bail: \$

Conditions of Release:

This complaint, duly subscribed and sworn to, issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer this
17 day of April, 2012.

JUDICIAL OFFICER:
NAME:

SIGNATURE:

TITLE: JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT

/s/ _____
Judge

COUNTY OF DAKOTA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

Clerk's Signature or File Stamp

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RETURN OF SERVICE

*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this
COMPLAINT upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: