

State of Minnesota
County of Itasca

District Court
9th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19CR00219
Court File No. 31-CR-19-396

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

ALLYSON ELYSE POLMAN DOB: 07/15/1992

Defendant.
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: Aiding and Abetting Attempted Damage to Pipeline Property, felony

Minnesota Statute: 609.594.2, with reference to: 609.594.2, 609.17.1, 609.05.1

Maximum Sentence: 5 years prison and/or \$10,000 fine

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/04/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19000482

Charge Description: On or about February 4, 2019, in the County of Itasca, State of Minnesota, Allyson Elyse Polman, intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling, or conspiring with or otherwise procuring the other to commit the crime, caused damage to the physical property of a pipeline with the intent to significantly disrupt the operation of or the provision of services by the pipeline, without the consent of one authorized to give consent, and took a substantial step toward, and more than mere preparation for, the commission of the crime.

COUNT II

Charge: Aiding and Abetting Criminal Damage to Property in the Fourth Degree, misdemeanor

Minnesota Statute: 609.595.3, with reference to: 609.595.3, 609.05.1

Maximum Sentence: 90 days jail and/or \$1,000 fine

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/04/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19000482

Charge Description: On or about February 4, 2019, in the County of Itasca, State of Minnesota, Allyson Elyse Polman, intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling, or conspiring with or otherwise procuring the other to commit the crime, intentionally caused damage to physical property of another without the latter's consent and the damage reduced the value of the property by \$500 or less.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

On February 4, 2019, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Deputy Jim Brooks of the Itasca County Sheriff's Office was dispatched in regard to a report of possible protestors attempting to shut off a pipeline at an Enbridge pipeline valve site. Upon arrival at the scene, 22723 US Highway 2, Itasca County, said deputy observed 4 people wearing hard-hats and safety vests. Said deputy approached on foot and identified the suspects as Daniel Taner Yildirim, Allyson Elyse Polman, Michele Anne Naar and Brenna Cussen Anglada. The site was surrounded by a chain-link fence and topped with barbed wire. Said deputy learned that the four individuals had cut a lock off of a chain on the gate to gain entrance to the valve site. Said deputy observed the cut padlock hanging from the chain-linked fence.

A new padlock had been placed on the chain by the protestors and they were now locked inside the fenced area of the pipeline. The protestors were videotaping Deputy Brooks as he spoke with them. They told Deputy Brooks that they had attempted to shut off the main valve of the pipeline, but were unable to do so, as they had brought the wrong tool(s). Said deputy informed the 4 individuals that they were under arrest and asked them to exit the fenced area. They refused to exit the fenced area, at which time said deputy called for another squad to bring a bolt cutter to the scene.

Deputy Mark Ryan later arrived at the scene and attempted to climb the fence. While he was doing so, one of the protestors stated not to climb the fence and handed him their bolt cutters from inside the fence. Deputies then cut the lock the protestors had placed on the chain on the gate, at which time the 4 individuals peacefully exited the fenced area and were brought out to the deputies' squad cars. The 4 individuals were found to have with them several pipe wrenches, locks, pipes and other items which had been used in an attempt to shut off and/or damage the pipeline. The 4 individuals were arrested and transported to the Itasca County Jail.

Upon arrival at the jail, Yildirim was the only suspect who agreed to provide a Mirandized statement. During the statement, Yildirim stated that all 4 of the suspects cut the padlock belonging to Enbridge off of the chain holding the gate shut, then entered the fenced in area and locked themselves inside. He stated that they then cut the lock on the pipeline valve and attempted to turn the valve off. However, he stated that they were unsuccessful in turning off the valve due to the fact they had not brought the correct tool.

Through further investigation, law enforcement downloaded a You Tube vide posted by the 4 suspects. During the video, one of the suspects read a statement indicating that they were taking direct action to turn off the flow of deadly tar sand oil. Their attempts to turn off the valve are captured on the video. The individuals can be seen attempting to remove a protective cap/cover designed to prevent access to the valve control, in which they were unsuccessful.

The cost to repair/replace the two damaged locks is estimated to be less than \$500.00

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 609.49., intentional failure to appear for duly scheduled court appearances may result in additional criminal charges, and in addition to any arrest warrant that may otherwise be issued by the Court.

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	Mark Weller Supervisor / Investigator 440 NE First Avenue Grand Rapids, MN 55744 Badge: 735	Electronically Signed: 02/06/2019 09:20 AM itasca County, minnesota
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Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

Prosecuting Attorney	David Stephen Schmit Assistant Itasca County Attorney 123 NE Fourth Street Grand Rapids, MN 55744 (218) 327-2867	Electronically Signed: 02/06/2019 09:16 AM
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