

**STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

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On May 8, 2019, at approximately 10:53 a.m., officers responded to the report of an accident on Dorchester Drive in the City of Hoyt Lakes, St. Louis County, Minnesota. When officers arrived, witnesses stated a male, who was later identified as Alan Lyn Birt, was driving a brand new 3/4 ton truck with a push bumper and winch. Witnesses stated they heard the vehicle come down Dorchester Drive and believed it sounded to be "maxed out" or "pedal to the floor". One witness estimated the vehicle's speed to be approximately 80 mph when the truck driven by Birt struck a mail truck. The male struck the mail truck from behind and ejected the female carrier to the roadway.

When witnesses arrived to tend to the female, the male was yelling and ranting in the field. Officers approached the male, and the male became uncooperative with law enforcement and needed to be tased by law enforcement. The male was still combative, and four officers were needed to take the male into custody.

A statement was later taken from Alan Lyn Birt, who admitted that he was upset with the U.S. Postal Service, and knew that there was an individual in the truck, and purposely used his vehicle to crash into the mail carrier truck. Birt had been taken to the hospital, and while at the hospital, he was later asked if he remembered anything from the accident. He stated, "Yeah, I killed that f---in' useless mail carrier." Officers told him he did not kill her, and he responded, "Well, someone should."

The U.S. mail carrier in the truck was identified as B.M.A., DOB: 04/02/1964, and she was transferred to the hospital with a life-threatening head injury, including a skull fracture and four broken ribs.