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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT COLUMBIA COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2020CO001406
Agency Case No.: 20-4371

vs.

Perez, Christina A.
N1095 US Hwy 12 and 16
Lyndon Station, WI
DOB: 10/31/1981
Defendant.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states that:

Count 1: ATTEMPT POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE

The above-named defendant, on or about Thursday, June 4, 2020, in the City of Wisconsin Dells, Columbia County, Wisconsin, did knowingly attempt to possess methamphetamine, contrary to sec. 961.41(3g) (g) Wis. Stats., a Class I Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than three (3) years and six (6) months, or both.

And the Court may suspend the defendant's operating privileges for not less than six (6) months nor more than five (5) years. If the defendant's driving privileges are already suspended, any suspension imposed must be served consecutively.

PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your complainant is informed by the written reports of Special Agent Haverley and Special Agent Simon, of the Wisconsin Department of Justice – Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and Detective Sgt. Clark, of the Columbia County Sheriff's Department. Special Agent Haverley reports the following: On June 4, 2020, Special Agent Haverley made contact with United States Postal Inspector Hinckley. Inspector Hinckley told Special Agent Haverley the following: Inspector Hinckley identified a parcel containing 24 grams of Methamphetamine traveling through the postal system. The parcel was addressed to "Benjamin Zarate" in Lyndon Station, Wisconsin. The post office had received calls from both Benjamin Zarate and his girlfriend, CHRISTINA A. PEREZ, asking about the parcel. Inspector Hinckley arranged a controlled delivery of the package to occur at the post office in the City of Wisconsin Dells, Columbia County, Wisconsin on June 9, 2020. On June 9, 2020, Zarate came into the post office and was given the package that once contained the Methamphetamine. PEREZ entered the post office approximately one minute after Zarate had entered. Zarate and PEREZ were detained as they exited the post office.

Special Agent Simon reports the following: On June 9, 2020, Special Agent Simon made contact with Benjamin Zarate. Zarate eventually admitted that he had arranged for a source in Arizona to send him the Methamphetamine. Zarate sent the source \$500 via money transfer approximately two weeks ago in exchange for the Methamphetamine. Zarate recently moved

to Wisconsin and did not have any local sources for obtaining Methamphetamine. Zarate is addicted to Methamphetamine.

Detective Sgt. Clark reports the following: On June 9, 2020, Detective Sgt. Clark participated in the above-described investigation. Detective Sgt. Clark assisted with the interview of CHRISTINA A. PEREZ. PEREZ eventually admitted that she uses Methamphetamine and that she was aware that the package that Zarate and she were picking up was supposed to contain Methamphetamine.

Your complainant believes the statement of the defendant to be truthful and reliable inasmuch as it is against the defendant's penal interests.

Based on the foregoing, the complainant believes this complaint to be true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 06/11/20

Electronically Signed By:

Crystal N Long

Assistant District Attorney

State Bar #: 1025524

Electronically Signed By:

Sgt. Max A. Jenatscheck

Complainant