



NEWS RELEASE

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From the Office of Anoka County Sheriff Brad Wise

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December 22, 2025

Nowthen Barricaded Subject and Arrest - Identification
ICR 25280618

The individual arrested in the December 18, 2025, incident that had barricaded themselves in a home in the City of Nowthen has been identified as Clinton Michael Larson, age 39, of Anoka, MN. Mr. Larson has now been charged by criminal complaint on the following charges:

- Arson – 1st Degree – Dwelling
Minnesota Statute: 609.561.1
- Assault – 2nd Degree - Dangerous Weapon
Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1, with reference to: 609.11.5(a)
- Arson – 3rd Degree
Minnesota Statute: 609.563.1(a)
- Threats of Violence – Reckless Disregard Risk
Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1
- Damage to Property – 1st Degree
Minnesota Statute: 609.595.1(4)

No injuries to the suspect or law enforcement were reported as a result of this incident. The criminal complaint is attached to this news release. This incident remains under investigation by the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. No further information will be released at this time.

Andy Knotz
Lieutenant
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State of Minnesota
County of Anoka

District Court
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. CA-2025-02432
Court File No. 02-CR-25-7613

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

CLINTEN MICHAEL LARSON DOB: 04/07/1986

18855 Jasper Street NW
Anoka, MN 55303

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: Arson-1st Degree-Dwelling

Minnesota Statute: 609.561.1

Maximum Sentence: 0-20 Years and/or 6000.00 - 20000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 12/18/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25280618

Charge Description: On or about December 18, 2025, in the County of Anoka, MN, Clinton Michael Larson did unlawfully by means of fire or explosives, intentionally destroy or damage any building that is used as a dwelling at the time the act is committed, whether the inhabitant is present therein at the time of the act or not, or any building appurtenant to or connected with a dwelling whether the property of the actor or of another.

COUNT II

Charge: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1, with reference to: 609.11.5(a)

Maximum Sentence: 0-7 Years and/or 4200.00 - 14000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 12/18/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25280618

Charge Description: On or about December 18, 2025, in the County of Anoka, MN, Clinton Michael Larson did assault another with a dangerous weapon.

COUNT III

Charge: Arson-3rd Deg-Property Value \$301 to \$999-Intended

Minnesota Statute: 609.563.1(a)
Maximum Sentence: 0-5 Years and/or 3000.00 - 10000.00
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 12/18/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25280618

Charge Description: On or about December 18, 2025, in the County of Anoka, MN, Clinton Michael Larson did unlawfully by means of fire or explosives, intentionally destroy or damage any real or personal property, and the property intended by the accused to be damaged or destroyed had a value of more than \$300 but less than \$1,000.

COUNT IV

Charge: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1
Maximum Sentence: 0-5 Years and/or 3000.00 - 10000.00
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 12/18/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25280618

Charge Description: On or about December 18, 2025, in the County of Anoka, MN, Clinton Michael Larson did threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another or to cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly, vehicle or facility of public transportation or otherwise to cause serious public inconvenience, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience.

COUNT V

Charge: Damage to Property-1st Deg-Value Reduced Over \$1,000

Minnesota Statute: 609.595.1(4)
Maximum Sentence: 0-5 Years and/or 3000.00 - 10000.00
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 12/18/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25280618

Charge Description: On or about December 18, 2025, in the County of Anoka, MN, Clinton Michael Larson did intentionally cause damage to physical property of another without the latter's consent, and the damage reduces the value of the property by more than \$1,000 measured by the cost of repair and replacement.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On or about December 18, 2025, deputies from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office responded to a home in the city of Nowthen, Anoka County, Minnesota, in an attempt to arrest **CLINTEN MICHAEL LARSON (D.O.B. 04/07/1986)**, hereinafter "Defendant," who had multiple outstanding warrants for his arrest.

Defendant's mother reported that Defendant was inside the Nowthen home. Deputies arrived and evacuated the occupants. Defendant refused to leave the residence. Defendant threatened to shoot law enforcement multiple times and barricaded himself in the basement of the home. Deputies heard the Defendant state, "[i]f a cop comes downstairs I will shoot them." Deputies subsequently obtained a search warrant for the home.

All attempts to negotiate Defendant's surrender were unsuccessful. Defendant repeatedly threatened to shoot the police and repeatedly stated he would not surrender. Officers deployed drones into the home, and one drone captured video of Defendant firing a black semi-automatic pistol point-blank at the drone.

Defendant was seen wearing a black face mask and a camouflage jacket, pointing a pistol at the drone before it went down. Six (6) total drones, including the one shot by the Defendant were destroyed in the home. One robot was also destroyed and intentionally set on fire by the Defendant throughout this standoff. Each drone and robot costs more than \$1,000.00.

A chemical irritant was introduced into the residence, but Defendant remained barricaded and continued to refuse to surrender.

Nearly 17 hours after the standoff began, a large fire erupted on the upper level of the home, in an area where Defendant had previously been observed. Shortly thereafter, Defendant exited the residence wearing a gas mask and was taken into custody at approximately 1:00 p.m. on December 19, 2025. Defendant had a phone and a pistol holster on his person at the time of arrest.

Deputies and fire investigators later attempted to search the home further and observed that the fire damage was most severe in the southwest upstairs corner of the residence. A large propane torch was located in the middle of that same southwest room, where Defendant was believed to have been located. Multiple fire-origin areas were identified on both the lower and upper levels, including a tactical robot found at the bottom of the stairs that was not near its original breach point. Another large propane torch was located in the middle of the bedroom floor near one of the suspected points of origin. The home was severely damaged from the fire damage and water used to extinguish the fire that subsequently froze, making the home unsafe and a full search impossible.

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

Rob Young
Detective
13301 Hanson Boulevard NW
Andover, MN 55304
Badge: 226

Electronically Signed:
12/22/2025 11:17 AM
Anoka County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Kyle L Peterson
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Anoka, MN 55303-2265
(763) 324-5550

Electronically Signed:
12/22/2025 11:07 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: December 22, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Todd R Schoffelman
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 12/22/2025 11:54 AM

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

**COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Clinton Michael Larson

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: