STATE OF MICHIGAN 94TH DISTRICT COURT 47TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	COMPLAINT FELONY ☐ AMENDED	JUDGE Steven C. Parks DISTRICT CASE NO.: 25FY 311 CIRCUIT CASE NO.:

Court address
310 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829310 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829 (906) 789-5106
District Court ORI: MI210015J

Court telephone no.
(906) 789-5106

Circuit Court ORI: 2100025J

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN **V**

Defendant's name and address
COLTON TROY BRUNETTE [redacted]

Victim or complainant
Trooper Colin Immel
Complaining Witness

Co-defendant(s) (if known)

Date: On or about
06/06/2025

City/Twp./Village	County in Michigan	Defendant TCN	Defendant CTN	Defendant SID	Defendant DOB
ESCANABA CITY	**DELTA**		**21-25000669-01**	[redacted]	**See Ref No row 1 on MC 97**

Police agency report no.	Charge	Maximum Penalty
MSPP8D-2 84-1114-25	**See below**	**See below**

☐ A sample for chemical testing for DNA identification profiling is on file with the Michigan State Police from a previous case.

☐ Oper./Chauf.
☐ CDL

Vehicle Type

Defendant DLN
See Ref No row 3 on MC 97

Witnesses
Colton Troy Brunette
Deputy Joseph Gibbs
Trooper Colin Immel
Trooper Andrew Leinonen [redacted]
Trooper Cole Tardiff
Deputy Sherry Vandeville
Trooper Zane Weaver

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF DELTA
The complaining witness says that on the date and at the location described, contrary to law:

COUNT 1: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - POSSESSION/ANALOGUES
On or about June 6, 2025, did knowingly or intentionally possess the controlled substance ketamine; contrary to MCL 333.7403(2)(b)(ii). [333.74032B-A]
FELONY: 2 Years and/or $2,000.00.

☐ The complaining witness asks that defendant be apprehended and dealt with according to law.

Warrant authorized on: June 19, 2025 by
Date

Prosecuting official

☐ Security for costs posted

I declare under the penalties of perjury that this complaint has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

TPR. Mackyn
Complaining witness signature

6-20-25
Date

$ 5,000 10% / Cash / Surety / Personal Recognizance
To appear Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
To appear Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.
X No alcohol/controlled substances / bars
X PBT/drug screen upon request.
X No contact with Marissa Meshquad +/or Joshua Floyd Mayo-Deneau
X curfew 9pm-6am
X not leave SOM
X no marijuana
X no drug paraphernalia
X no synthetic, mind-altering substances
X no firearms
X within 48 hrs. of release report to District Court to be set up on daily call-in testing line.

Approved, SCAO
Form MC 200w, Rev. 9/22
MCL 764.1 *et seq.*, MCL 766.1 *et seq.*, MCL 767.1 *et seq.*, MCR 6.102
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Distribute form to:
Court
Prosecutor
Defendant

Defendant Colton Brunette Case No. 25FH311 Date: 7/31/25

Count 1 CS-Possession Analogue Count 2 _____ Count 3 _____

Additional Counts _____ **NOT GUILTY** **GUILTY** **MUTE**

_____ **BOND** _____ **PROBATION Terms and Conditions** Judge

Bond: $ _____ **Cash/Surety** **$** _____ **10%** **$** _____ **PR**

_____ No consume or possess alcohol
_____ No bars or taverns
_____ Random PBTs
_____ Alcohol tether
_____ No marijuana
_____ No use or possession of non-prescribed c.s.
_____ No ingredients associated with manufacturing c.s.
_____ No devices or paraphernalia associated with use of c.s.

_____ Not to be in company of people using c.s.
_____ Urine testing
_____ Use prescribed substances as directed
_____ No driving.
_____ No firearms
_____ No abusive or assaultive conduct
_____ Curfew ____ p.m. to ____a.m.
_____ No Contact with _____
_____ Not to go within _____ feet of _____

_____ **Baseline sample today**
_____ Alcohol highway safety
_____ Outpatient counseling
_____ Mental Health counseling
_____ Other counseling
_____ Alternatives to Anger
_____ Stress Less
_____ Nurturing Families
_____ Self Help Groups

Other Bond/Probation Terms or Conditions/ Notes to Probation

Stupak to provide dates dep will travel out of state so dep can test before/after leaving

YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR ON TBD IN DISTRICT COURT FOR:

_____ PRETRIAL/SUPPLEMENTAL _____ PLEA X SENTENCING _____ OTHER

FAILURE TO APPEAR WILL RESULT IN A BENCH WARRANT BEING ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST

NATURE OF PLEA: (GUILTY) **NO CONTEST** **UNDER ADVISEMENT**

COUNTS PLED TO: Add ct 2 Attempted Possession/Analogues

COUNTS TO BE NOLLED: 1

SPECIAL TERMS: _____ Delayed Adjudication (7411, 769.4a, other) _____ Delay of Sentence _____ Substance Abuse Eval.

PLEA NOTES: _____

	Count _____	Count _____	Count _____
Fine:			
Court Costs:			
State Cost:			
Victim's Rights:			
Attorney Fee:			
Restitution:			
Drug Test Fee:			
Total:	$	$	$

Terms of Payment: _____

FAILURE TO PAY FINES AND COSTS MAY RESULT IN CONFINEMENT OF 1 DAY FOR EVERY $20.00 UNPAID

Confined to Jail _____days/months with credit for _____ days. Report on: _____at _____P.M.

Notes: _____

_____ **Hours of Community service** in lieu of _____ days in jail to be completed by _____

License Sanctions: _____

Probation: _____ months

Report by Mail or other: _____

Notes: _____

Probation terms are described above

Delta County Prosecutor's Office
February 19 ·

The Prosecutor’s Office understands there is a lot of hurt and concern in our community. However, it is important for the community to understand that bond is set by the Court, usually by a Judge.

Setting bond is NOT the role of the Prosecutor’s Office.

When setting bond, the Court focuses on the person’s record of showing up for Court and dangerousness to the community. Unfortunately, sometimes drug dealing is only considered to be a minor “danger” in the eyes of the Court. The Prosecutor’s Office can and does advocate for cash bonds on all drug related matters. However, we are also faced with tremendous roadblocks in obtaining cash bonds on cases that we think rightfully deserve cash bonds, so we share in your frustration when bond is not set in an amount that we believe to be high enough, or with conditions that we do not believe to be strong enough.

For example, just today, on February 19, 2025, the Delta County District Court refused to place a cash bond on a defendant who was charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver 208 grams of Methamphetamine. This was done over the Prosecutor's strenuous objection and request for a cash bond. It was also revealed that this defendant was residing with someone he was prohibited from communicating. Despite the fact that the communication between the defendant and the individual in question substantially jeopardizes the People’s ability to prosecute this case, The Court allowed for this communication to continue.

In addition, we cannot advocate for bond based on uncharged allegations, or possible charges that may be forthcoming after further investigation. And we cannot charge individuals with crimes unless we can prove beyond a reasonable doubt that that individual committed the charged offense.

The Prosecutor's Office works diligently with law enforcement to investigate any and all potential charges, and the safety of our community is our top priority.

However, again, the decisions made regarding bond are beyond the control of the Prosecutor's Office and are often over our objection.

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August 15, 2025

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Any charge referenced is merely an accusation and all persons are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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February 18, 2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On February 16, 2025, Colton Troy Brunette and Tristan Russell Halfaday were arrested by Delta County Sheriff's Office following a traffic stop. In the course of their investigation, Halfaday was located with a pistol on his person. Further search of the vehicle located a backpack containing among other items, the following controlled substances: approximately 136.12 grams of cocaine, approximately 35.43 grams of powdered fentanyl, approximately 64.94 grams of "blue pill" fentanyl, approximately 61.83 grams of MDMA, approximately 1.950 grams of Ketamine, and a large variety of prescription pills.

On February 18, 2025, Colton Troy Brunette, 24, was arraigned in the 94th District Court on four (4) felony charges:

1. Conspiracy to Deliver/Manufacture Narcotics (50 to 449 grams), punishable by up to 20 years and/or $10,000, contrary to MCL 333.7401(2)(a)(iii)
2. Conspiracy to Deliver/Manufacture (Schedules 1, 2 and 3 Except Marijuana and Cocaine), specifically Ketamine, punishable by up to 7 years and/or $10,000, contrary to MCL 333.7401(2)(b)(ii).
3. Conspiracy to Deliver/Manufacture (Schedules 1, 2 and 3 Except Marijuana and Cocaine), specifically Fentanyl, punishable by up to 7 years and/or $10,000, contrary to MCL 333.7401(2)(b)(ii).
4. Conspiracy to Deliver/Manufacture Methamphetamine, punishable by up to 20 years and/or $25,000, contrary to MCL 333.7401(2)(b)(i).

Bond was set for Brunette at $75,000 cash/surety. Conditions of release include, but are not limited to: GPS Tether with basic house arrest; Not to use or possess alcohol, controlled substances, marijuana, or other mind-altering substances; Not to use or possess instruments or paraphernalia associated with illegal drug use; Not to enter any bar, taverns, or other establishments where the primary purpose is the sale of alcohol; Must submit to random alcohol or drug testing; Not to possess firearms or any dangerous weapon.

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On February 18, 2025, Tristen Russell Halfaday, 20, was arraigned in the 94th District Court on eight (8) felony charges:

1. Deliver/Manufacture Narcotics (50 to 449 grams), punishable by up to 20 years and/or $10,000, contrary to MCL 333.7401(2)(a)(iii)
2. Deliver/Manufacture (Schedules 1, 2 and 3 Except Marijuana and Cocaine), specifically Ketamine, punishable by up to 7 years and/or $10,000, contrary to MCL 333.7401(2)(b)(ii).
3. Deliver/Manufacture (Schedules 1, 2 and 3 Except Marijuana and Cocaine), specifically Fentanyl, punishable by up to 7 years and/or $10,000, contrary to MCL 333.7401(2)(b)(ii).
4. Weapons – Carrying Concealed, specifically a pistol, punishable by up to 5 years and/or $2,500 and the mandatory forfeiture of the weapon, contrary to contrary to MCL 750.227.
5. Weapons – Carrying Concealed, specifically a knife, punishable by up to 5 years and/or $2,500 and the mandatory forfeiture of the weapon, contrary to contrary to MCL 750.227.
6. Weapons – Carrying Concealed, specifically a knife, punishable by up to 5 years and/or $2,500 and the mandatory forfeiture of the weapon, contrary to MCL 750.227.
7. Felony Firearm, punishable by 2 Years consecutively with and preceding any term of imprisonment imposed for the felony or attempted felony conviction, mandatory forfeiture of the firearm, contrary to MCL 750.227b.
8. Deliver/Manufacture Methamphetamine, punishable by up to 20 years and/or $25,000, contrary to MCL 333.7401(2)(b)(i).

Bond was set for Halfaday at $85,000 cash/surety. Conditions of release include, but are not limited to: GPS Tether with basic house arrest; Not to use or possess alcohol, controlled substances, marijuana, or other mind-altering substances; Not to use or possess instruments or paraphernalia associated with illegal drug use; Not to enter any bar, taverns, or other establishments where the primary purpose is the sale of alcohol; Must submit to random alcohol or drug testing; Not to possess firearms or any dangerous weapon.

Brunette and Halfaday will next appear in the 94th District Court for a Probable Cause Conference, which is closed to the public, on February 27, 2025. Brunette and Halfaday are currently scheduled for a Preliminary Examination in the 94th District Court on March 6, 2025.

Delta County Prosecutor Wickman applauded the efforts of the officers involved in the investigation, stating, "I am always impressed by the diligence and dedication of Delta County law enforcement, and greatly appreciate their efforts to root out drugs from our community."

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On Saturday, February 15, 2025, Michigan State Trooper and Gladstone Public Safety Officers conducted traffic stops on two vehicles. Subsequent investigation located approximately 208 grams of methamphetamine that had been discarded in the woods. Through the investigation by officers, Corey Allen Racine and Jenny Lynn Donahue were arrested.

On February 18, 2025, Jenny Lynn Donahue, 40, of Gwinn was arraigned on one charge of Deliver/Manufacture Methamphetamine, punishable by up to 20 years and/or $25,000. At arraignment, a $20,000 cash/surety bond was imposed. Conditions of release, include but not limited to: Not to leave State of Michigan; Not to use or possess alcohol, controlled substance, marijuana, or other mind-altering substances; Not to enter any bars, taverns, or other places where the primary purpose of the business is the sale of alcohol; Subject to random drug and alcohol testing.

On February 19, 2025, Corey Allen Racine, 35, of Gwinn, was arraigned in 94th District Court on one charged of Deliver/Manufacture Methamphetamine, punishable by up to 20 years and/or $25,000. Racine was initially granted a Personal Recognizance bond due to a medical issue. At the time of the arraignment, Prosecutor Wickman argued that a cash bond needed to be imposed due to the large amount of methamphetamine involved, Defendant's lack of ties in Delta County, and his prior criminal history.

Over the People's objection, the Court placed Defendant on house arrest with the requirement of a GPS tether, requiring an upfront payment of $1,400. Defendant was unable to pay immediately, but Judge Parks allowed Defendant to pay until noon March 3, 2025.

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