

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

0070112789
07-CR-26-502

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NICHOLAS ROBERT TAYLOR DOB: 09/22/1992

58133 158th Street
Mapleton, MN 56065

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

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: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26003707

Charge Description: On or about February 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Nicholas Robert Taylor, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

COUNT II

Charge: Harassment - Reasonable fear of substantial bodily harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.749.2(b)(1)

Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26003707

Charge Description: On or about February 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Nicholas Robert Taylor, with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person, did directly or indirectly, or through third parties, manifest a purpose or intent to injure the person, property or rights of another by the commission of an unlawful act, and did place the other person in reasonable fear of substantial bodily harm.

COUNT III

Charge: Harassment - Causes or reasonably expect to cause substantial emotional distress to other person

Minnesota Statute: 609.749.2(b)(3)

Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/05/2026

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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Early in the morning on February 6, 2026, Witness 1 called Blue Earth County Dispatch to report Victim 1 was receiving death threats from Nicholas Robert Taylor (DOB: 09/22/1992). Witness 1 stated Victim 1 was extremely frightened by the situation and had serious concerns for Victim 1's safety.

Sergeant Wood met with Victim 1 who explained Victim 1 met up with Taylor for a first date in the evening on February 5, 2026. Victim 1 and Taylor had been communicating for about a week prior to the date, including on Snapchat.

Victim 1 commented that Taylor seemed under the influence when Victim 1 picked up Taylor for their date. Taylor asked Victim 1 to stop at a liquor store as they traveled, and Taylor began consuming alcoholic beverages in Victim 1's vehicle as Victim 1 drove. Based on Taylor's behavior, which was concerning to Victim 1, Victim 1 ended the date and dropped off Taylor at a hotel where Taylor was staying in Blue Earth County, apparently while in town from Iowa. Taylor asked Victim 1 repeatedly to join Taylor in Taylor's hotel room, which Victim 1 declined to do.

Not long after Victim 1 left the hotel, around 7:30 p.m., Taylor began sending Victim 1 messages begging Victim 1 to return to the hotel. After Victim 1 declined several times, Taylor began sending Victim 1 very long messages, which became increasingly hostile. Victim 1 began to feel unsafe because Taylor knew Victim 1's name, phone number, and where Victim 1 works. Victim 1 received hundreds of messages from Taylor between 7:30 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Sergeant Wood reviewed messages Victim 1 received on Snapchat from Taylor, and these are just some of the messages Wood reported: "I'm gonna rag doll you," "I'm gonna make sure you can't think anymore," "I will murder you," "I will strangle your stupid ass," "If I see you I'm gonna fuck you up," "If I see you . . . I'm gonna execute anyone in my way . . . I'm gonna do worse to you," "I'm gonna wreck you," "I'm gonna fucking kill you," "I will murk you to a degree you are non-traceable to even your own family," and "I will put a hit out on you."

As Victim 1 spoke to Sergeant Wood about the messages and Victim 1's interaction with Taylor, Victim 1 cried, shook, and trembled. Victim 1 reported the incident had caused Victim 1 significant emotional distress, and Victim 1 feared Taylor would follow through on Taylor's threats. Victim 1 reported Victim 1 had been unable to sleep because of Taylor's threats.

Police went to the hotel where Victim 1 dropped off Taylor and found Taylor in his hotel room. Though Taylor told police he'd been sleeping, Officer Hickey had already seen inside the room and noted Taylor was walking around inside the room with the lights on before officers started knocking and Taylor turned off the lights. Police noted Taylor was the same person seen in a recording on Snapchat Victim 1 showed to police.

Taylor confirmed to Officer Wendell that Victim 1 and Taylor had gone on a date the prior night, Taylor had become upset about the date and sent Victim 1 messages "talking a bunch of shit." Taylor provided Wendell with the handle for Taylor's Snapchat account which was the account from which Victim 1 received the threatening messages.

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

Ken Baker
Sergeant/Patrol Division
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3144

Electronically Signed:
02/06/2026 12:23 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Christopher K Lowe
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
02/06/2026 12:20 PM

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: February 6, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 02/06/2026 12:52 PM

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

COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Nicholas Robert Taylor

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: