

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113576
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2446

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CODY LEE STARK DOB: 09/08/1993

102 Center St Apt 6
New Ulm, MN 56073

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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: Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(a)(1), with reference to: 152.025.4(b)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/15/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26200079

Charge Description: On or about January 15, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Cody Lee Stark, did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except a small amount of marijuana, and the mixture does not include any amount of a controlled substance in a fluid used in a water pipe, after having been previously convicted of a violation of Chapter 152.

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Any Amount Schedule I/II Drugs/metabolite; Not cannabis/hemp

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(7), with reference to: 169A.27.2

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 01/15/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26200079

Charge Description: On or about January 15, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Cody Lee Stark, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when the person's body contains any amount of a controlled substance listed in schedule I or II, or its metabolite, other than

marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinols.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On January 15, 2026, Trooper Bruns from the Minnesota State Patrol was traveling in Blue Earth County when he observed a vehicle change lanes without a turn signal and then enter halfway into a lane for a short period before a turn signal was activated and the vehicle fully entered the traffic lane.

After conducting a traffic stop, Trooper Bruns made contact with the driver, identified as Cody Lee Stark (DOB: 09/08/1993). Stark had been cited earlier that day for driving with a suspended license. Bruns noted Stark's speech was rapid, his movements were erratic, and his eyes were watery and glossy.

When Bruns returned to his squad car, Officer Strong from the Mankato Department of Public Safety spoke with Stark from the passenger-side window and observed Stark tear a corner off a small plastic baggie and dump the contents outside the driver's-side door. Just below the driver's- side door, police located several, small chunks of a crystalline substance, which NIK tested positive for methamphetamine. Police arrested Stark.

During a search of Stark's vehicle, police found a baggie with a shard of methamphetamine inside it and drug paraphernalia including three glass pipes.

At the Blue Earth County Jail, Bruns read Stark the *Miranda* warning and asked Stark to perform standardized field sobriety testing, which Stark agreed to do. During the walk-and-turn test, Bruns observed four of eight validated clues of impairment. During the one-leg-stand test, Bruns observed three of four validated clues of impairment. When Stark performed the Modified Romberg test, he estimated 30 seconds had passed after 37 seconds. Bruns noted Stark's eyes were fluttering during that test and that Stark swayed.

Stark admitted to smoking methamphetamine that morning.

Bruns applied for a search warrant, and the application was approved by The Honorable Krista J. Jass, Judge of District Court. Stark provided a urine sample, which was sent to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for testing.

Results from a March 7, 2026, Report on the Examination of Physical Evidence indicate the presence of amphetamine and methamphetamine in Stark's urine.

Stark was convicted on November 1, 2021, in two court files, of violating a Minnesota statute in Chapter 152.

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

John Perrin
State Patrol Trooper
2171 Bassett Drive
Mankato, MN 56001-6888
Badge: SP8

Electronically Signed:
06/16/2026 02:07 PM
Meeker 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:
06/16/2026 01:33 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: June 16, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/16/2026 07:19 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

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Cody Lee Stark

Defendant

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this
Summons upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: