

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113849
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3343

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

Summons

vs.

JOSEPH NORMAN CARLSON DOB: 03/21/1987

210 N 4th Street
Mankato, MN 56001

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: Predatory Offender - Knowingly commits act or fails to fulfill registration requirement

Minnesota Statute: 243.166.5(a)(1), with reference to: 243.166.5(b)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/30/2026 to 07/31/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26022774

Charge Description: On or between April 30, 2026 and July 31, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Norman Carlson did, as a person required to register under section 243.166 who was given notice, knows, or reasonably should know of the duty to register and who knowingly committed an act or failed to fulfill a requirement that violates any provision of this section.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In June of 2026, Law Enforcement Technical Support Specialist (LETSS) Mathiowetz was investigating a financial transaction card fraud in which the suspect was Joeseeph Norman Carlson. While investigating the fraud, LETSS Mathiowetz observed Carlson driving a silver SUV. LETSS Mathiowetz observed that Carlson was a registered predatory offender who is required to register all vehicles regularly driven or owned.

LETSS Mathiowetz observed that Carlson had not registered that SUV. LETSS Mathiowetz obtained information that Carlson had rented the vehicle, beginning on April 30, 2026.

LETSS Mathiowetz observed multiple times that Carlson had operated the vehicle, including on May 24, 2026. Which was captured on CCTV at multiple businesses. LETSS Mathiowetz also observed CCTV from a business on May 26, 2026, in which Carlson was operating the vehicle.

LETSS Mathiowetz obtained prior calls for service, including an incident on June 12, 2026, in which Carlson was involved in a vehicle crash in Mankato while operating the vehicle.

LETSS Mathiowetz spoke with Carlson's probation officer who stated that Carlson told her that he was too busy to update his predatory offender registration.

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

Jacob Price
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3137

Electronically Signed:
08/13/2026 11:27 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Taylor Fast
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
08/13/2026 10:22 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: August 13, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Bradley C Walker
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/13/2026 11:43 AM

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

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

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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: