

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114218
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4577

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ASHLEY KAY WINKELMAN DOB: 11/23/1982

11343 518th Avenue
Amboy, MN 56010

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: Criminal Vehicular Operation - Bodily Harm - Alcohol Conc .08 or more w/in 2 hrs of driving

Minnesota Statute: 609.2113.3(4)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26201385

Charge Description: On or about August 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Ashley Kay Winkelman, did cause bodily harm to another, as a result of operating a motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more, as measured within two hours of the time of driving.

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.26.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26201385

Charge Description: On or about August 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ashley Kay Winkelman, did drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when she was under the influence of alcohol, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed.

COUNT III

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(5), with reference to: 169A.26.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26201385

Charge Description: On or about August 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ashley Kay Winkelman, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when her alcohol concentration at the time, or as measured within two hours of the time, of driving, operating or being in physical control of the motor vehicle was 0.08 or more, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Around 9:08 p.m. on August 18, 2026, Trooper Kutz from the Minnesota State Patrol was dispatched to a crash with possible injuries at a location in Blue Earth County. At the site of the crash, Kutz observed a vehicle with heavy rear-end damage. Victim 1 and Victim 2 were the driver and passenger of that vehicle and complained of injuries to their neck, head, and back. The driver said a GMC Yukon had come flying up fast behind them and rear ended their vehicle. The impact forced their vehicle into an F150 in front of them, operated by Victim 3.

The driver of the GMC Yukon, identified as Ashley Kay Winkelman (DOB: 11/23/1982) said the crash was 100% her fault. Winkelman said she came up to the traffic light too fast and rear ended the car in front of her. Kutz noticed Winkelman was speaking slowly and slurring her words. Trooper Bruns made the same observations of Winkelman.

Trooper Kutz asked Winkelman to perform field sobriety testing. Winkelman admitted to drinking three Sauvignon Blancs and said she needed to urinate badly. Winkelman said she was on the “borderline” of being impaired.

During the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test, Kutz noticed that Winkelman was swaying and Kutz observed six clues of impairment. Kutz observed four clues of impairment when Winkelman performed the Walk and Turn test and three clues of impairment when Winkelman performed the One Leg Stand test, which Winkelman did not want to complete because she had to urinate. Winkelman provided a preliminary breath test sample that returned a result of .20 AC.

Kutz placed Winkelman under arrest and transported her to the hospital. Kutz applied for a warrant to search Winkelman’s blood, and the application was approved by a District Court Judge in the Fifth Judicial District. Kutz collected two vials of blood from Winkelman at 10:43 p.m. At the hospital, Winkelman said, “I’m not shitfaced, but I’m not sober either.”

The vials of Winkelman’s blood were sent to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (“BCA”) for testing.

On September 2, 2026, a Forensic Scientist from the BCA produced a Report on the Examination of Physical Evidence relating to Winkelman’s blood, detailing an ethyl alcohol concentration of 0.198 plus or minus 0.011 grams per 100 milliliters of blood with a 99.73% level of confidence.

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:
10/29/2026 10:04 AM
Morrison 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:
10/28/2026 03:33 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: October 29, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/29/2026 12:34 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.

Ashley Kay Winkelman

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: