

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

0070114309
07-CR-26-4128

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

SCOTT AARON ELLIS DOB: 05/26/1973

426 3rd Avenue Se
MN 55904-4801

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: Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer

Minnesota Statute: 609.50.1(2), with reference to: 609.50.2(2)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/30/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26031465

Charge Description: On or about September 30, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Scott Aaron Ellis did, intentionally, obstruct, resist, or interfere with a peace officer while the officer was engaged in the performance of official duties and the act was accompanied by force or violence or the threat thereof.

COUNT II

Charge: Disruptive Intoxication - Mankato

Local Code: 12-22(c)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/30/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26031465

Charge Description: On or about September 30, 2026, in the City of Mankato, in the County of Blue Earth, Scott Aaron Ellis did, while intoxicated, conduct him or herself so as to be a danger to themselves or others and/or engage in public disruption.

COUNT III

Charge: Open Container - Pedestrian Mall - Mankato

Local Code: 12-25(b)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/30/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26031465

Charge Description: On or about September 30, 2026, in the City of Mankato, in the County of Blue Earth, Scott Aaron Ellis did consume an alcoholic beverage or possess an open container which contains an alcoholic beverage on the public pedestrian mall in the central business district of the city, as defined by the City of Mankato zoning regulations.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On September 30, 2026, Officer Cogswell of the Mankato Department of Public Safety was on patrol near Cherry Street in the downtown area of the City of Mankato. Earlier in the day, dispatch had received a call regarding an individual, later identified as Scott Aaron Ellis (DOB: 05/26/1973), who appeared intoxicated and near the intersection of Riverfront Dr. and Stolzman Road.

Officer Cogswell observed Ellis walking on the public pedestrian mall in the business and entertainment district of the City of Mankato. Officer Cogswell observed Ellis to be holding and drinking from an open alcoholic beverage container while on the public pedestrian mall in the business and entertainment district.

Officer Cogswell approached Ellis to inform him that he was not allowed to have open containers of beer on the public mall. Officer Cogswell noted that Ellis presented numerous indicators of impairment including unsteady gait, glassy eyes, and a strong odor of a consumed alcoholic beverage coming from Ellis' person. Officer Cogswell confiscated the open container and released Ellis.

After releasing Ellis, Officer Cogswell went to her patrol vehicle and, while in her patrol vehicle, Officer Cogswell observed Ellis walking into traffic multiple times, moving business signs, and arguing with individuals seated on a patio of Business 1. Ellis then walked across the street against traffic control signals and walked into traffic. Officer Cogswell approached Ellis again in order to take him to a detox facility due to the danger that Ellis presented to himself and others due to his level of intoxication.

Officer Cogswell grabbed Ellis by the left arm in order to escort him to her squad vehicle. Ellis immediately dug his feet into the pavement and shifted his body-weight in order to resist being taken to detox. Officer Cogswell was able to eventually move Ellis toward her patrol vehicle. As they approached her squad vehicle, Ellis told Officer Cogswell that he was not going to go to detox. Ellis then flung his left arm out of Officer Cogswell's grasp and attempted to move away from Officer Cogswell. Officer Cogswell grabbed on to the hood of Ellis' sweatshirt in an attempt to regain control, but Ellis firmly took hold of Officer Cogswell's right wrist and bicep and pushed her away.

As Ellis pushed Officer Cogswell, she was able to get her left leg underneath Ellis' right leg and both Ellis and Officer Cogswell fell to the ground. Officer Cogswell noted she immediately felt immense pain in her left knee and was bleeding through her duty pants.

After Ellis and Officer Cogswell went to the ground, a bystander, Witness 1, helped assist Officer Cogswell in restraining Ellis until Sergeant Gagnon and Officer Schulte arrived to place Ellis in handcuffs. Officer Honetschlager gave Ellis a PBT. Ellis provided a breath sample of .227 BAC.

Due to his level of intoxication, Ellis was transported to and is currently being held at the Brown County Detox Facility. As a result, a Complaint Warrant is requested.

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

Matthew Huettl
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3142

Electronically Signed:
10/01/2026 11:50 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Benjamin R. Chapman
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
10/01/2026 11:39 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: \$6,000.00

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 1, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/01/2026 12:54 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.

Scott Aaron Ellis

Defendant

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

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: