

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113213
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1495

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DANIELLE LEIGH LEIDING DOB: 09/21/1989

50 Stony Creek Rd.
Mankato, MN 56001

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

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(a)(1)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26200570

Charge Description: On or about April 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Danielle Leigh Leiding, 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 weight of the substance is greater than .25 grams or 1 dosage unit.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On April 11, 2026, at approximately 10:20 PM, Lt. Chad Mills with the Minnesota State Patrol was parked on the westbound shoulder of County Road 90 in Blue Earth County when he observed an eastbound vehicle approaching with the passenger headlight not functioning.

Lt. Mills caught up to the vehicle after it passed his location and activated his emergency lights and effectuated a traffic stop. Lt. Mills approached the vehicle on the driver's side and spoke to the driver who was identified as Danielle Leigh Leiding.

While speaking with Leiding, Lt. Mills immediately detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside of the vehicle. Leiding stated that some of her friends had smoked marijuana in the vehicle earlier in the evening. Lt. Mills noted that there was green, leafy debris on the center console of the vehicle. Leiding admitted to possessing an open container of marijuana and handed it to Lt. Mills. Leiding also had a container with a joint inside.

Lt. Mills had Leiding exit her vehicle to ensure that she was safe to operate her vehicle. Lt. Mills had Leiding submit to a number of field sobriety tests and determined that Leiding was not impaired. Leiding then admitted to Lt. Mills that there was cocaine in the vehicle.

During a search of the vehicle, Lt. Mills located a plastic container with suspected cocaine as well as other drug paraphernalia. The suspected cocaine field tested positive for the presence of cocaine and weighed approximately 2 g.

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

Gabe Cornish
MINNESOTA STATE TROOPER
LIEUTENANT
2171 Bassett Drive
Mankato, MN 56001-6888
Badge: 2203

Electronically Signed:
04/13/2026 09:59 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
04/13/2026 09:18 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: April 13, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 04/13/2026 10:05 AM

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.

Danielle Leigh Leiding

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: