

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113393
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3364

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

NATHAN LEE LIND DOB: 09/02/1973

222 9th Street
Jordan, MN 55352

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: Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Deprive of Food/Shelter-M

Minnesota Statute: 343.21.2, with reference to: 343.21.9(a)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/07/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26000577

Charge Description: On or about May 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Nathan Lee Lind did deprive any animal over which the person has charge or control of necessary food, water, or shelter.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On May 7, 2026, Sgt. Matthew Ganglehoff of the Lake Crystal Police Department responded to a "Driving Complaint." It was advised that an older model purple minivan with Nebraska plates was smoking and smelled like burnt oil near the city of Lake Crystal, Minnesota, within the County of Blue Earth. The suspect's vehicle was stopped on HWY 169 just outside of Mankato, Minnesota by State Trooper Marthaler. Sgt. Ganglehoff backed up Trooper Marthaler to provide additional emergency lights as well for safety purposes.

Trooper Marthaler was able to identify the male driver as Nathan Lee Lind (DOB 09/02/1973), who had a "CANCELED-IPS" driving status. Inside the vehicle Lind had a smaller sized pitbull/pitbull mix dog lying on its side in the front passenger seat. The dog appeared to be missing hair around different parts of its body and appeared to have mange. Sgt. Ganglehoff observed the dog to be lethargic, tired, and sluggish. Sgt. Ganglehoff then asked Lind if the dog was alive, which he responded "Yes, she just has bad allergies." Sgt. Ganglehoff also observed several brown scabs all over the dog's body. The dog appeared to have an infection of some sort, and overall, the animal appeared to be in very poor health. It also appeared to be suffering and neglected.

Sgt. Ganglehoff took custody of the animal. The pitbull walked gingerly back to the squad car and had to be lifted into the backseat. The animals' skin appeared to be flaking off and was constantly itching or biting its own skin. The pitbull also had a strong stench coming from her body.

Sgt. Ganglehoff was able to find placement for the animal at "BENCHS." Staff at BENCHES confirmed the animal needed immediate medical attention.

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

Robert R. Prescher
Chief of Police
100 East Robinson Street
Lake Crystal, MN 56055
Badge: 4671

Electronically Signed:
08/13/2026 03:39 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
08/13/2026 03:08 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: August 14, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Bradley C Walker
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/14/2026 10:42 AM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

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Nathan Lee Lind

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: