

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113488
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2628

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

DEREK DARBY RUTH DOB: 05/17/1989

49855 127th Street
Amboy, MN 56010

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: Carry BB Gun/Rifle/Shotgun/Aslt Wpn-Public Place

Minnesota Statute: 624.7181.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 04/19/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26011975

Charge Description: On or about April 19, 2026 at 8:58 AM, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Derek Darby Ruth did carry a BB gun in a public place.

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Any Amount Schedule I/II Drugs/metabolite; Not cannabis/hemp

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(7), with reference to: 169A.27.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 04/19/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26011975

Charge Description: On or about April 19, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Derek Darby Ruth, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when the person's body contains any amount of a controlled substance listed in schedule I or II, or its metabolite, other than marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinols.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On April 19, 2026, officers of the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to a report of a man slumped over the steering wheel of a silver Pontiac bearing MN LIC: RSR951. Officers arrived and located Derek Darby Ruth (DOB: 05/17/1989) behind the wheel.

Officers looked in the vehicle and saw what appeared to be a .357 revolver on the passenger seat. Before waking Ruth, officers removed the firearm, which was later determined to be a realistic looking BB gun. Officers arrested Ruth and transported him to the Blue Earth County Jail.

Detective Lopez searched the vehicle and found a bubble pipe and torch lighters, items commonly used in the consumption of methamphetamine.

Officer Coutier woke Ruth. He had difficulty understanding and responding to Officer Coutier's questions. Officers arrested Ruth for possession of the BB gun.

At the Blue Earth County Jail, Officer Coutier asked Ruth to perform standardized field sobriety tests. Ruth performed poorly on the tests. Officer Coutier applied for a search warrant for Ruth's blood. Judge Betters approved the warrant. Coutier transported Ruth to a local hospital, where a trained phlebotomist performed a blood draw. Officer Coutier entered the blood sample kit into evidence.

The BCA tested Ruth's blood sample. The BCA detected methamphetamine and amphetamine in Ruth's blood.

Ruth is in custody in the Blue Earth County Jail. Accordingly, the State requests a complaint warrant.

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

Adam Gray
Operations Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3117

Electronically Signed:
06/30/2026 03:23 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

John L.V. Brooks
Assistant Blue Earth County
Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
06/30/2026 03:19 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: June 30, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/30/2026 03:54 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.

Derek Darby Ruth

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: