

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070109004
Court File No. 07-CR-24-4053

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

CODIE JAMES TESCH DOB: 10/04/1998

637 1st Street SE
Blooming Prairie, MN 55917-1410

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: Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.52.3(2)

Maximum Sentence: 10 years or \$20,000, or both (over \$5,000)

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/01/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24027337

Charge Description: On or about October 1, 2024, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Codie James Tesch, did, intentionally and without claim of right take, use, transfer, conceal or retain possession of the movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property and the value of the property or services stolen exceeded \$5,000.00.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 1, 2024, at about 4:15 p.m., officers of the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to investigate a motor vehicle theft that had just occurred in Mankato.

Victim 1 reported that their 2022 Kia Rio with license plates ending 318 was stolen. The Kia had been parked on Walnut Street facing a building. Victim 1 turned off the Kia and brought the keys with them into a business. Victim 1 witnessed a black male in his 20s steal the Kia and drive through an alley toward Riverfront Drive.

CCTV recorded the theft. At 4:12 p.m., an approximately six-foot man approached the Kia. He was wearing a baggy, blue/black hooded sweatshirt and grey pants. The male got into the Kia and drove away. The Kia was entered into a nationwide data base and noted as stolen.

At 7:54 p.m., Owatonna police reported that they had recovered the stolen Kia and arrested Codie James Tesch (DOB 10/04/1998). Tesch was observed driving a stolen Pontiac and pulled up to the Kia which was at a gas pump. Tesch began loading things from the Kia into the other vehicle. The owner of the Pontiac was able to get into the car and drive away. Tesch was approached by officers and ran away. Tesch was apprehended by Owatonna police.

An officer noted that Tasch had on multiple layers of pants, including the grey pants in the Mankato CCTV. Tesch admitted driving the Kia and freaking out when he could not restart it. Tesch told officers that he believed the vehicle belonged to him.

The registered owners of the vehicle told Mankato officers that they had not given Tesch permission to use the Kia. The Kia had been recently purchased by the owners for approximately \$20,000.

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

Chris Baukol
Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3150

Electronically Signed:
10/17/2024 12:50 PM
Blue Earth County, MN

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
10/16/2024 12:59 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 17, 2024.

Judicial Officer

Krista J Jass
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 10/17/2024 03:55 PM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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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: