

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

0070113704
07-CR-26-2612

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TRAVIS MICHAEL BALLANCE DOB: 08/25/1991

710 Sherman Street
Good Thunder, MN 56037

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Warrant

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: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.26.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/27/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013627

Charge Description: On or about June 27, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Travis Michael Ballance, did drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(5), with reference to: 169A.26.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/27/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013627

Charge Description: On or about June 27, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Travis Michael Ballance, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when his/her alcohol concentration at the time, or as measured within two hours of the time, of driving, operating or being in physical control of the motor vehicle was 0.08 or more, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On June 27, 2026, Deputy Madson of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office responded to dispatch of an individual (later identified as Travis Michael Ballance DOB: 08/25/1991) driving a blue Ford Ecosport northbound on Highway 169 very fast, all over the road, and ran a red light at Highway 169.

Deputy Madson pulled on to Highway 169 and found the vehicle at least 1-2 car lengths past the white stop line for a stop sign. Deputy Madson turned on his emergency lights and proceeded through the intersection to catch up to Ballance. After turning on to Range Street, Deputy Madson activated his front radar unit which showed Ballance to be driving 41mph in a 30mph zone. Deputy Madson initiated a traffic stop within Blue Earth County.

After the vehicle stopped, Ballance attempted to get out of the vehicle before speaking with Deputy Madson. When speaking with Ballance, Deputy Madson noted that his speech was slow, slurred, and deliberate. Ballance's eyes were bloodshot and watery. Deputy Madson also noted that he could smell the overwhelming odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person.

Ballance refused to participate in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing. Deputy Madson gave him a PBT, which resulted in a BAC of .305. Ballance was placed under arrest and brought back to the Blue Earth County Jail where he was read the Implied Consent Advisory. Eventually, Ballance agreed to take the DMT breath test, which produced a final result of .31 BAC. This test was completed within two hours of Ballance's driving conduct.

Deputy Madson later contacted Witness 1, who reported Ballance's original driving conduct to dispatch. Witness 1 stated because Ballance had come up behind him at a very high rate of speed, passed him, and came into his lane on Highway 169 on the North Star Bridge. Witness 1 also told Deputy Madson that he believed Ballance ran the red light.

Due to his level of intoxication, the jail was not able to care for Ballance and he was taken to Detox. 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

Paul Barta
Captain
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2721

Electronically Signed:
06/29/2026 02:12 PM
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:
06/29/2026 02:09 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.

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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 29, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/29/2026 02:26 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.

Travis Michael Ballance

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: