

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112603
Court File No. 07-CR-26-467

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

Summons

vs.

BRENT WARREN JOHNSON DOB: 08/10/1976

15006 499th Avenue
Garden City, MN 56034

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: 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): 01/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26000626

Charge Description: On or about January 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Brent Warren Johnson, 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): 01/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26000626

Charge Description: On or about January 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Brent Warren Johnson, 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 January 11, 2026, Deputy Jase Guetter of Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office initiated a traffic stop on an individual Brent Warren Johnson due to Johnson traveling 69 miles per hour in a 55 miles per hour zone, within Blue Earth County, Minnesota. Deputy Guetter then approached the vehicle and began speaking with Johnson. It was at that time that Deputy Guetter could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the vehicle. Johnson showed signs of impairment such as blood shot watery eyes and slurred speech. Johnson provided Deputy with his driver's license and insurance which identified driver as Brent Warrant Johnson. Deputy Guetter then asked Johnson how much he had to drink. Johnson informed the Deputy that he had some.

Due to weather conditions at the time Deputy Guetter informed Johnson that he would like to take him somewhere to test that was out of the elements. Deputy Guetter then transported Johnson to the Lake Crystal Police Department Garage for testing. After arriving Johnson performed field sobriety tests in the Lake Crystal Police Department Garage. Johnson performed poorly on the field sobriety tests. Deputy Guetter then informed Johnson that he was under arrest for DWI which resulted in Johnson being transported to Blue Earth County Jail for further testing. When Johnson arrived at the Jail he was read the Breath Advisory Test which he stated he understood but wished to speak with an attorney. Johnson was then given a phone and multiple directories to assist in contacting and speaking with an attorney. Johnson attempted to call several attorneys as well as his wife. After several attempts Johnson was advised that his attorney time was ending as he was talking to his wife at the time. Deputy Guetter then asked Johnson if he would take a breath test and he declined. Johnson then said that he did not want to do anything that was illegal. Deputy then asked Johnson if he would like him to read the breath advisory to him again. Johnson then said yes. After reading the breath advisory to Johnson again he agreed to take a breath test at that time.

Brent Warren Johnson performed a breath test using the DMT at Blue Earth County Jail. Johnson's test result was a .16 Blood Alcohol Content (BAC), which is twice the legal limit in the State of Minnesota.

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:
02/04/2026 02:27 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:
02/04/2026 01:18 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: February 4, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 02/04/2026 03:10 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.

Brent Warren Johnson

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: