

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113846
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2986

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

Warrant

vs.

BLAKE WILLIAM NELSON DOB: 07/24/1987

103 Ellis Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001

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.24.1

Maximum Sentence: 7 years or \$14,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/21/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26022860

Charge Description: On or about July 21, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Blake William Nelson, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol, and the violation was committed within ten years of the first of three or more qualified driving incidents or he/she has previously been convicted of felony D.W.I.

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.24.1

Maximum Sentence: 7 years or \$14,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/21/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26022860

Charge Description: On or about July 21, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Blake William Nelson, 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 the violation was committed within ten years of the first of three or more qualified driving incidents or he/she has previously been convicted of felony D.W.I.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On July 21, 2026, Officer Kenden Slattery of the Mankato Department of Public Safety was on routine patrol in the City of Mankato, within Blue Earth County. While on patrol he observed two males stumbling and staggering as they crossed Cherry Street. Officer Slattery then observed the two males walking away from the bar district toward a maroon Ford parked in the nearby parking ramp. Next, he observed the two men get into the maroon Ford with one of them in the front passenger seat and the other in driver's seat. The vehicle then exited the parking ramp and proceeded southbound. Officer Slattery then positioned his squad vehicle behind the maroon Ford. He then observed the driver failed to activate the left turn signal at least 100 feet prior to making a left turn as well as the vehicle making an unusually sharp left turn, crossing into another lane before correcting into his original lane of travel.

Officer Slattery activated his emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop. After the emergency lights were activated, the vehicle continued traveling for approximately two and a half blocks before coming to a stop. Officer Slattery then approached the vehicle and made contact with the driver. While speaking with him Officer Slattery noticed him to stare straight forward and attempt to avoid eye contact. Driver was then identified as Blake William Nelson (DOB 7/24/1987) by his Minnesota Driver's license. During this time Officer Slattery noticed Nelson to have bloodshot/glossy eyes and strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating. Nelson stated that he was coming from the Downtown area and was headed home, and that he had a few beers while downtown. Officer Slattery then asked Nelson to step out of the vehicle. Officer noticed the odor of alcohol became stronger Nelson exited the vehicle.

Officer Slattery asked Nelson to perform SFST's which Nelson performed poorly on. The tests included the Horizontal Nystagmus (HGN) test, Walk and Turn Test, and the One Legged Stand test. Following the completion of the field sobriety tests Nelson provided a proper breath sample via Portable Breath Test which resulted in a .25 BAC reading. Nelson was then placed under arrest in which he cooperated and transported to the Blue Earth County Jail. Nelson was read the Breath Test Advisory and stated that he understood what was read and did not wish to consult with an attorney. Nelson then supplied a breath sample through the DMT which resulted in a .23 BAC. Nelson was transported to New Ulm Detox facility due to his high BAC.

While reviewing Nelson's criminal history Officer Slattery observed that he had been convicted of Felony-Criminal Vehicular Operation Homicide in 2009 under Case # 24-CR-09-1691.

Due to Nelson currently being at New Ulm Detox Facility a warrant is appropriate.

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:
07/23/2026 10:40 AM
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:
07/23/2026 08:03 AM

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: Hold for Court

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: July 23, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Bradley C Walker
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 07/23/2026 10:45 AM

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.

Blake William Nelson

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: