

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113546  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2305

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**JAMES DARNELL BOUCICAULT DOB: 06/04/1984**

802 Willow Street  
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

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**COMPLAINT**

Order of Detention

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.24.2

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

Offense Level: Felony

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

Control #(ICR#): 26012034

Charge Description: On or about June 6, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, James Darnell Boucicault, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he was under the influence of alcohol, and the violation was committed within ten years of the first of three or more qualified driving incidents.

**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.24.2

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

Offense Level: Felony

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

Control #(ICR#): 26012034

Charge Description: On or about June 6, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, James Darnell Boucicault, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when his 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.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On June 6, 2026, Witness 1 called Blue Earth County dispatch and reported a black male on a jet ski with a hat on backwards threw a beer can into the lake. The male had a passenger on the back of the jet ski.

Deputy Arkell responded to North Shore Park. Witness 1 pointed to a green and black jet ski returning to shore with two people on it. Witness 1 reported the operator had thrown the beer can.

Deputy Arkell made contact with the operator and identified him as James Darnell Boucicault (DOB: 06/04/1984). Deputy Arkell noticed an odor of alcoholic beverage coming from Boucicault. He also spoke in a deliberate manner and slightly slurred his words. He admitted to drinking two beers. He denied throwing a beer can in the lake.

Deputy Arkell identified the passengers as two minor children, who had rode the jet ski with Boucicault at separate times.

Deputy Arkell asked Boucicault to perform SFSTs. On the HGN, Deputy Arkell observed all six clues. Boucicault started early on the walk-and-turn test and demonstrated three other clues. Boucicault supplied a PBT of .111.

Deputy Arkell read Boucicault the breath test advisory. He eventually agreed to take the DMT test and provided a sample of .08.

Boucicault has four prior impaired driving incidents. In Court Files # 07-CR-25-5176 and 07-CR-25-3959, Boucicault has pending DWI charges. In both pending DWI files, Boucicault has impaired driving related losses of his driver's license (implied consent), which qualify as prior impaired driving related incidents. He has been convicted of DWI in Court Files # 52-CR-21-204 and 07-CR-19-4625.

## 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**

Mitchell Gahler  
Deputy Sheriff  
401 Carver Rd  
Mankato, MN 56002-0228  
Badge: 2731

Electronically Signed:  
06/08/2026 01:02 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:  
06/08/2026 12:55 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 8, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**                      Andrea Jo Lieser  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/08/2026 01:14 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.

**James Darnell Boucicault**

Defendant

*LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE  
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Order of  
Detention upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: