State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114478
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4995

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RAY CHARLES MAXSON DOB: 08/16/1973

2526 S Bridge Street #Trlr 90
New Ulm, MN 56073-1766

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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: Issue Dishonored Check-Offense
Minnesota Statute: 609.535.2, with reference to: 609.535.2a(a)(1)
Maximum Sentence: 5 years or $10,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/31/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26016017

Charge Description: On or about July 31, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ray Charles Maxson did issue a check which, at the time of issuance, the issuer intended shall not be paid and the aggregate value of the check(s) was over $500.00.

COUNT II

Charge: Theft-By Swindle
Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(4), with reference to: 609.52.3(3)(a)
Maximum Sentence: 5 years or $10,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/31/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26016017

Charge Description: On or about July 31, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Catharine Margaret Maxson, did by swindling, whether by artifice, trick, device, or any other means, obtained property or services from another person and the value of the property or services stolen is more than $1000.00 but less than $5,000.00.

COUNT III

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

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.52.3(3)(a)
Maximum Sentence: 5 years or $10,000 or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/31/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26016017

Charge Description: On or about July 31, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ray Charles Maxson 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 is more than $1,000.00 but not more than $5,000.00.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On or about, July 31, 2026, Victim reported to Blue Earth County dispatch that she had sold an RV in Good Thunder, Minnesota within the county of Blue Earth and two individuals had issued fraudulent checks for the sale.

Deputy Andrew Hagen of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Department called and contacted Victim. Victim reported that Ray Maxon and Catharine Maxon had agreed to purchase the RV and had given her a $200 check to hold the RV, which cleared. They then provided her with two additional checks the one for $1000.00 and another for $1300.00 that did not clear.

Ray and Catherine Maxson picked up the RV on July 17, 2026, and asked Victim to hold the checks until Monday which is when they were paid. Victim stated that both Ray and Catherine provided her with a check. Victim provided photographs of the checks to Deputy Hagen, which indicated that the checks were in both Ray and Catherine's name.

Victim deposited the checks in her account on July 20, 2026. On July 27, 2026, Victim learned that there were insufficient funds within the account. Victims called Ray and Catherine on July 27, 2026, twice. Both times there was no answer. Later in the evening Victim received a text that she believed to be sarcastic from Ray and Catherine, "We are really enjoying the camper have a goodnight. Victim then called a minute later and there was no answer. Victim then texted back stating "You need to pay me my money, or I will take the cops with me, and we will figure something out." Victim stated that Ray and Catherine have Victim's number blocked.

Officer Hagen ran the VIN of the RV in CIS and observed that the RV was already registered to Catherine Maxson. On August 3, 2026, Victim advised that she had sent a notice and demand to Catherine and Ray along with appropriate statutes via certified mail. On August 31, 2026, Victim stated that she received the notice and demand letter back from the post office as undeliverable.

On September 11, 2026, Victim received text messages from Ray and Catherine stating they were sorry for what happened.

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:
11/23/2026 10:49 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:
11/23/2026 08:50 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).

[X] 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: November 23, 2026.

Judicial Officer Susan DeVos Electronically Signed: 11/23/2026 11:19 AM

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: