

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113750
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3063

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

SAMANTHA MARIE VOGEN DOB: 08/16/1985

1513 N Riverfront Drive
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: Motor Vehicle Registration - Intent to Escape Tax

Minnesota Statute: 168.35

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 07/03/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26020616

Charge Description: On or about July 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Samantha Marie Vogen did, with intent to escape payment of any tax on a motor vehicle, delay or neglect to properly list and apply to register the same, or, with intent to prevent the payment or collection of the proper tax, fee, or lien thereon, violate or neglect to comply with any of the provisions of MN Statute Section 168.

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - Drivers License - Driving After Revocation

Minnesota Statute: 171.24.2(a)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 07/03/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26020616

Charge Description: On or about July 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Samantha Marie Vogen did, after being given notice, or when she reasonably should have known of the revocation, disobey the order by operating in this state any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, while her license or privilege was revoked.

COUNT III

Charge: Traffic Regulation - Driver Must Carry Proof of Insurance when Operating Vehicle

Minnesota Statute: 169.791.2(a)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 07/03/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26020616

Charge Description: On or about July 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Samantha Marie Vogen did fail to produce, upon demand of a peace officer, proof of insurance in force at the time of the demand covering the vehicle being operated.

COUNT IV

Charge: Traffic Regulation - Vehicle Registration/Permit/Plates Required

Minnesota Statute: 169.79.1, with reference to: 169.89.1

Maximum Sentence: Maximum fine of \$300.00 (Petty Misdemeanor)

Offense Level: Petty Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 07/03/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26020616

Charge Description: On or about July 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Samantha Marie Vogen did operate, drive, or park a motor vehicle on any highway while the vehicle was not registered in accordance with the laws of this state.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the morning on July 3, 2026, Officer Pike from the Mankato Department of Public Safety was on patrol in the City of Mankato when the Automatic License Plate Reader in his patrol car alerted him of a nearby vehicle for which the registered owner had a revoked driving status. Officer Pike then confirmed the registered owner, Samantha Marie Vogen (DOB: 08/16/1985) had a driver's license that was revoked. Officer Pike discovered the vehicle's registration expired in October 2025.

Officer Pike conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the driver, Vogen, who admitted knowing her driver's license was revoked. Vogen could not provide proof of valid insurance for the vehicle. Officer Pike noticed there was a red tab on the rear license plate indicating the registration was valid through 2026. The front license plate had a 2025 registration tab. Pike checked with Blue Earth County Dispatch and learned the 2026 registration tab was associated with a different vehicle. Pike confronted Vogen about this fact, and Vogen admitted she got the 2026 tab from a junk motor vehicle and placed it on Vogen's vehicle to "get by" because she is unable to pay to renew her registration.

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

Ken Baker
Commander/Patrol Division
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3144

Electronically Signed:
07/28/2026 03:00 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

Prosecuting Attorney

Christopher K Lowe
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
07/28/2026 02:26 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: July 28, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 07/28/2026 03:25 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.

Samantha Marie Vogen

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: