

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070110903
Court File No. 07-CR-25-2133

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVEN MATTHEW KNUDSEN DOB: 05/02/1994

17606 305th Lane
Shafer, MN 55074

Defendant.

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: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1, with reference to: 609.11.4

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/01/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25015648

Charge Description: On or about June 1, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Steven Matthew Knudsen, did assault another with a dangerous weapon.

COUNT II

Charge: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/01/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25015648

Charge Description: On or about June 1, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Steven Matthew Knudsen, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

COUNT III

Charge: Dangerous Weapons-Metal Knuckles/Switch Blade

Minnesota Statute: 609.66.1(a)(4), with reference to: 609.66.1(b)(1)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/01/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25015648

Charge Description: On or about June 1, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Steven Matthew Knudsen did manufacture, transfer, or possess a switch blade knife that opens automatically in a park zone.

COUNT IV

Charge: Fleeing a Peace Officer By a Means Other Than a Motor Vehicle

Minnesota Statute: 609.487.6

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/01/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25015648

Charge Description: On or about June 1, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Steven Matthew Knudsen, did, for the purpose of avoiding arrest, detention, or investigation, attempted to evade or elude a peace officer who is acting in the lawful discharge of an official duty, by means of running, hiding or any other means other than fleeing in a motor vehicle.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On June 1, 2025, officers the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a bar in Mankato, Minnesota, Blue Earth County, on report that a man was trying to hurt Victim 1 with a knife.

Officers arrived and made contact with Victim 1. Victim 1 stated he was inside the bar and an individual who was later identified as Steven Matthew Knudsen started an argument with him. Victim 1 left the bar and so did Knudsen. Knudsen then pulled out a knife and held it towards Victim 1. Knudsen said he was going to stab and kill Victim 1.

Officers obtained CCTV capturing some of the incident, including when Knudsen held the knife. The video appeared consistent with Victim 1's account.

Officers were directed to where Knudsen was. Officers observed Knudsen and activated their emergency lights. Knudsen took off running. He was eventually tackled by an officer in a park zone.

Officers found a switchblade knife on the road.

Witness 1, a bouncer at the bar, provided a statement to law enforcement. Witness 1 stated that he heard Knudsen make comments to Victim 1 about going back to his county. Outside the bar, Victim 1 told Knudsen to do a backflip on his longboard. Knudsen then pulled out a switchblade knife and threatened Victim 1.

In the squad car, Knudsen made spontaneous statements, including to having the knife. Knudsen said Victim 1 was a "terrorist" and is an "illegal goddamn immigrant." Knudsen said he was threatened because Victim 1 is bigger than him and looked like a WWE wrestler. Knudsen said he was wanted to scare his ass.

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

Craig Frericks
Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3102

Electronically Signed:
06/02/2025 10:32 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Taylor Fast
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
06/02/2025 10:21 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:

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 2, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/02/2025 10:49 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.

Steven Matthew Knudsen

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: