

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

0070111924
07-CR-25-4225

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

DEREK DARBY RUTH DOB: 05/17/1989

920 S Broad Street
New Ulm, MN 56073

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: Drugs - 3rd Degree - Poss. Sch 1 or 2 Narcotic, LSD, MDA, or MDMA in School/Park/Public Housing Zone

Minnesota Statute: 152.023.2(a)(4), with reference to: 152.023.3(a)

Maximum Sentence: 20 years and/or \$250,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/19/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25030128

Charge Description: On or about October 19, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant Derek Darb Ruth, did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, in a Park Zone.

COUNT II

Charge: Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(a)(1), with reference to: 152.025.4(b)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/19/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25030128

Charge Description: On or about October 19, 2025 at 11:06 AM, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Derek Darby Ruth, did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except a small amount of marijuana, and the mixture does not include any amount of a controlled substance in a fluid used in a water pipe, after having been previously convicted of a violation of Chapter 152.

COUNT III

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Controlled Substance

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(2), with reference to: 169A.27.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/19/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25030128

Charge Description: On or about October 19, 2025 at 11:06 AM, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Derek Darby Ruth, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of a controlled substance.

COUNT IV

Charge: DWI - Fourth-Degree Driving While Impaired; Described

Minnesota Statute: 169A.27.1, with reference to: 169A.27.2

Maximum Sentence: 90 Days and/or \$1,000.00 fine

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/19/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25030128

Charge Description: On or about October 19. 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant Derek Darb Ruth did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when the person's body contains any amount of a controlled substance listed in schedule I or II, or its metabolite

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 19, 2025, at 11:07 a.m., officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident scene where a black Ford 150 hit two parked cars. Investigation revealed that Derek Darby Ruth (DOB 05/17/2025) was driving a 2018 Ford 150 and with Minnesota plates numbered LXZ396. Witness 1 said the Ford struck a green SUV and a Ford Focus. Witness 1 reported that Ruth had been driving and was shaking after the accident. Ruth fell asleep at the wheel before officers arrived

Officer Walker noted the following:

- Ruth appeared to have contaminated thinking as he was unable to speak in proper sentences which made sense
- Ruth talked about smelling purple
- Ruth advised that he had not used any illegal narcotics
- Ruth exhibited slurred speech and to be fidgety as he was standing with his pants unbuttoned and falling downwards towards his ankles
- At one point, I told Ruth to pull up his pants
- Ruth pulled up his pants and buttoned them
- While doing so, Ruth accessed a glass bubble pipe commonly used for ingesting illegal narcotics
- He handed the bubble pipe to Officer Sokolov
- Ruth had difficulty completing the SFST's which Officer Sokolov administered to him
- Ruth took over a minute during the Romberg balance test which Ruth was to estimate the passing of 30 seconds and advise Officer Sokolov when he believed 30 seconds had passed by
- Officer Sokolov ended the test at over a minute, and Ruth advised he was only at 23 seconds.

Officer Sokolov had Ruth go through standard field sobriety testing and concluded that Ruth was under the influence of narcotics. Officer Pike noted that Ruth's pupils were pinpoints. Officer Pike also noticed a small gem style baggie on the dashboard. The baggie had a white substance inside that field tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine. A pipe was also located with meth residue inside the Truck. Ruth also was found to have a baggie in pocket. The baggie contained a white substance the field-tested positive for meth. The accident and the final position of Ruth's truck were inside the Washington Park Drug Enforcement Zone.

Ruth interviewed Ruth post Miranda. Ruth stated he did not remember the motor vehicle accident. Ruth said, "I think I made a mistake." A Search Warrant for a blood sample was executed and blood was drawn from Ruth for testing by the BCA Laboratory.

Ruth has the following felony convictions:

62-CR-24-6842 Felony Receiving (03/03/2025)
19HA-CR-21-2685 Predatory Registration Violation (09/08/2022)
08-CR-21-1104 Felony Possession Ammo/Firearm (07/05/2022)
19HA-CR-21-1044 Predatory Registration Violation (09/15/2021)
40-CR-21-367 Felony Controlled Substance 5th Degree (04/19/2022)
52-CR-21-155 Threats of Violence (05/10/2022)

Ruth was transported to New Ulm Detox and remains there at the time of this complaint. Accordingly, the State Requests a Complaint Warrant.

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

Matthew Huettl
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3142

Electronically Signed:
10/20/2025 04:43 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
10/20/2025 04:11 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: October 21, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/21/2025 09:54 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA

State of Minnesota

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Derek Darby Ruth

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: