

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113145
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1238

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

BENJAMIN K YANG DOB: 05/10/2006

33420 State Hwy 30
Westbrook, MN 56183

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: Criminal Sexual Conduct - 4th Degree - Contact - Victim mentally impaired/physically helpless

Minnesota Statute: 609.345.1(b), with reference to: 609.345.2

Maximum Sentence: 10 years or \$20,000 or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/29/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009328

Charge Description: On or about March 29, 2026, in Blue Earth County, Minnesota, Benjamin K Yang engaged in sexual contact with another person, knowing or having reason to know that the victim was mentally impaired, mentally incapacitated or physically helpless.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 29, 2026, at 5:11 AM, officers of the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a report of a sexual assault that had just occurred in the City of Mankato.

Witness 1 reported he was staying at the residence for a birthday party and he and Victim were sleeping, clothed, on the couch in the living room in the downstairs of the residence. Other individuals were also sleeping in the room, including Benjamin K Yang (DOB 05/10/2006) who was laying on the floor at the base of the couch. Witness 1 woke up to Victim making a noise, and Witness 1 noticed Yang peeking over the couch. Yang also had his arm under the blanket that Witness 1 was sharing with Victim. Witness 1 believed Yang was sexually assaulting Victim as she was obviously asleep and Yang's hand placement was by Victim's legs and genital area, but due to a blanket over Victim Witness 1 did not see exactly what Yang was doing. Witness 1 pushed Yang away from the couch and then punched Yang in the face. Witness 1 indicated Yang then repeatedly said "I'm sorry".

Witness 2, who was also sleeping in the living room, heard someone on the couch making noises and he assumed it was Witness 1 and Victim engaged in sexual behavior as they had been hanging out with each other during the night. Witness 2 said the noise was going on for approximately 25 minutes when he heard someone yell "wake up" and he then noticed Witness 1 sitting on the front of the couch and Yang was holding his face with his hands and said "I'm sorry".

Witness 3 gave a statement to officers. Witness 3 knew everyone at the party. Witness 3 was upstairs asleep and woke to loud noises at around 4:40 AM. When Witness 3 went downstairs, she observed Victim. Victim was hysterical. Witness 3 observed Victim shaking, crying, and panicking. Two of Witness 3's friends told Victim to go upstairs. Witness 3 saw Yang try to follow Victim upstairs.

Victim gave a statement to officers. Victim indicated she went to sleep around 4:20 AM and was woken to people flashing lights in her eyes. She was told she needed to go upstairs, but she didn't know why. Victim reported she was really drunk and she did not know what was going on.

Officers made contact with Yang in the residence. Yang exhibited some signs of alcohol impairment. Yang stated "I did something I shouldn't have done." Yang was given a Miranda warning and agreed to speak to officers. Yang stated he had just met Victim that day, Victim "was throwing hints at him", and he admitted to touching her while she was asleep. Yang denied penetrating Victim's vagina. Yang admitted to using his fingers to touch Victim's vagina under Victim's underwear and shorts while she was sleeping. Yang indicated Witness 1 then woke up, felt the blanket and Yang's hand on Victim's vagina, and then Witness 1 punched him in the face.

The investigation is ongoing.

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

Adam Gray
Operations Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3117

Electronically Signed:
03/30/2026 01:03 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
03/30/2026 12:41 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: March 30, 2026.

Judicial Officer Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/30/2026 02:31 PM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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Benjamin K Yang

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*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: