State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114648
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4737

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

AMANDA JO JOHNSON DOB: 11/29/1985

415 Belle Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001

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: 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): 11/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26035799

Charge Description: On or about November 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Amanda Jo Johnson, did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products or a residual amount of one or more mixtures of controlled substances contained in drug paraphernalia, and the mixture does not include any amount of a controlled substance in a fluid used in a water pipe and said controlled substance was more than .25 grams or 1 dosage unit

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - Open bottle law; Possession; crime described
Minnesota Statute: 169A.35.3, with reference to: 169A.35.5
Maximum Sentence: 90 days or $1,000 fine, or both.
Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 11/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26035799

Charge Description: On or about November 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Amanda Jo Johnson, did, have in his/her possession, while in a private motor vehicle upon a street or highway, any bottle or receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage, distilled spirit or 3.2 percent malt liquor that has

been opened, or the seal broken, or the contents of which have been partially removed.

COUNT III

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): 11/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26035799

Charge Description: On or about November 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Amanda Jo Johnson did after being given notice, or reasonably should have known of the revocation, disobeyed the order by operating in this state any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, while her/his license or privilege was revoked.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On November 5th, 2026, Officer Strong with the Mankato Department of Public Safety was on routine patrol at the Victory Drive and Madison Avenue stoplight within the City of Mankato. Officer Strong observed a Ford vehicle sitting at a green light at the intersection for an extended period of time. The Ford was located to Officer Strong's immediate left at the light. While the Ford vehicle was waiting at the green light, Officer Strong observed Co-Defendant 1 to be the passenger of the vehicle with Amanda Jo Johnson (formerly known as Amanda Jo Eisel; DOB: 11/29/1985) being the driver. Johnson's driving status was observed to have been revoked.

Officer Strong was previously aware of Co-Defendant 1 and Co-Defendant 1's history with narcotics, including Co-Defendant 1's arrest on September 18th, 2026, where Co-Defendant 1 was found to be in possession of a large amount of narcotics.

Officer Strong noted that it was unusual for a vehicle to sit at a green light for an extended period of time before continuing on. Officer Strong observed the vehicle continue southbound on Victory Dr. before going eastbound on Main St. Officer Strong noted that the vehicle then turned into the parking lot of Business 1, a liquor store located along Victory Dr., before driving completely through the parking lot, crossing Belle Avenue, and stopping at Business 2.

Officer Strong noted that the vehicle stopped at stop signs for extended periods of time each time. Officer Strong also noted that the vehicle took an extended route to Business 2. After the vehicle reached Business 2, Officer Strong found that Co-Defendant 1 had been in the same Ford vehicle when he was arrested on September 18th, 2026, with a large amount of narcotics.

The Ford remained parked at Business 2 for 20-30 minutes. During that time, an additional car, a white Buick sedan, came to Business 2 and parked right next to the Ford vehicle. Co-Defendant 1 and Johnson approached the white sedan for a short period of time. A short time later the Ford vehicle then left Business 2. The Ford vehicle was now being driven by a different individual, Witness 1, whose license was revoked. Co-Defendant 1 remained the front passenger in the Ford vehicle.

Officer Strong conducted a traffic stop on the Ford vehicle while Officer Coutier conducted a traffic stop on the white Buick that was in contact with Co-Defendant 1 and Witness 1 at Business 2. Officer Strong spoke with Witness 1 who stated that she was unaware that her driving privileges had been revoked and that Johnson, the original driver of the Ford vehicle, and Co-Defendant 1 had asked her to drive the Ford because they were being followed by law enforcement.

Officer Strong then spoke with Co-Defendant 1 who stated they were coming from Pohl Road. Officer Strong noted that Pohl Road is in the opposite direction from where they were driving from when he observed them at the intersection.

Officer Wright spoke with Johnson, the original driver of the Ford. Officers learned that Johnson was the individual that took possession of the vehicle for Co-Defendant 1 when Co-Defendant 1 was arrested with a large amount of narcotics on September 18th, 2026.

Officers observed a marijuana pipe and open container of alcohol in the vehicle after Johnson indicated that they would be present in the vehicle. The alcohol was a half full 1.75 L bottle of FRIS Vodka with some of its contents partially removed.

A search of the vehicle found the following:

1.11 grams of a green leafy substance that field tested positive for Marijuana in improper packaging in a purple backpack on the driver's seat floor board later discovered to belonging to Witness 1;

1.67 grams of green leafy substance that field tested positive for Marijuana. located in a large lunch box containing Co-Defendant 1's driver's license;

2.03 grams of green leafy substance that field tested positive for Marijuana located at the back right passenger seat between the seat and the door;

brown liquid substance suspected to be alcohol located in a plastic water bottle at the back right passenger seat;

a clear plastic baggie containing white crystalline substance that field tested positive for Methamphetamine and weighed 7.21 grams in a brown purse where Johnson was sitting and belonging to Johnson;

a purple pouch/coin bag containing various narcotic paraphernalia tools which field tested positive for Methamphetamine, and also containing Johnson's driver's license; and,

a prescription pill bottle for "Trazodone," with the name of the prescribed person obliterated, located in a black bag, which contained 90 doses of chalky white pills in the bottle, which field tested positive for Cocaine. The suspected cocaine weighed 29.08 grams. The cocaine was discovered along with various personal documents belonging to Co-Defendant 1 and having his name on them.

The suspected controlled substances were sent to the BCA for additional testing due to suspected Fentanyl contamination.

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

Brent Gagnon
Police Officer
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3124

Electronically Signed:
11/06/2026 01:23 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Benjamin R. Chapman
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
11/06/2026 01:18 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: November 6, 2026.

Judicial Officer Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/06/2026 02:15 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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Amanda Jo Johnson

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: