

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070111116
Court File No. 07-CR-25-3826

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

DANIEL LARRY KLUENDER DOB: 11/01/1977

18680 St Hwy 22
Kiester, MN 56051

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: Burglary - 3rd Degree - Enters w/out consent with intent to Steal/Commit Felony or Gross Misdemeanor

Minnesota Statute: 609.582.3(a)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/12/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25001068

Charge Description: On or about June 12, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Daniel Larry Kluender, did enter a building without consent and with intent to steal or commit any felony or gross misdemeanor while in the building, or entered a building without consent and did steal or commits a felony or gross misdemeanor while in the building, either directly or as an accomplice.

COUNT II

Charge: Trespass-Return to Property Within One Year

Minnesota Statute: 609.605.1(b)(8)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/12/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25001068

Charge Description: On or about June 12, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Daniel Larry Kluender did return to the property of another within one year after being told to leave the property and not to return, and the actor is without claim of right to the property or consent of one with authority to consent.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On June 12, 2025, Officer Joyce Baker, with the Mapleton Police Department, was contacted by Witness 1 regarding a burglary that had occurred at a business in Mapleton. Officer Baker had previously spoken to Witness 1 regarding an employee, identified as Daniel Larry Kluender, about a theft from the business. Kluender's employment had been terminated by the business on June 9, 2025, for theft. At that time Kluender was told not to return to the property.

On June 11 2025, Witness 1 had shop employees create an inventory video to document items that the business owned due to concerns about Kluender. Witness 1 had suspicions that Kluender may return to the shop because Kluender has a history of theft and still had personal property on the site. On June 12, 2025, employees noticed several items missing prompting them to review surveillance camera footage.

Ofc. Baker met with Witness 1 and human resources supervisor Witness 2 to review the surveillance footage. Witness 1 and Witness 2, along with other employees, reported that they had watched the surveillance video and knew that Kluender had come to the shop and entered the building without permission.

Kluender can be seen on the surveillance video arriving at the shop in his pickup truck and then accessing the building using a garage door opener. Kluender then accessed the doors into the building using a key and accessed the office using a keypad.

Witness 1 provided a list of items that he believed Kluender had stolen from the business on June 12, 2025. The list included a laptop computer and power tools.

On June 17, 2025, Ofc. Baker did a civil standby at the shop during which Kluender returned property and picked up his own property. Kluender admitted that he had possession of the computer and admitted that it belonged to the business.

On June 19, 2025, Ofc. Baker spoke with Kluender over the phone to discuss returning more items. Ofc. Baker asked Kluender when he took possession of the items and Kluender confirmed that he did so on June 12, 2025.

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

Joyce Baker
Police Officer
104 2nd Ave NE
PO Box 342
Mapleton, MN 56065
Badge: 4874

Electronically Signed:
09/25/2025 12:28 PM
Blue Earth County,

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
09/25/2025 10:26 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: September 25, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/25/2025 01:21 PM

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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Daniel Larry Kluender

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: