

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114032
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3792

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CHERYL ANN RUEDA DOB: 06/06/1954

107 Bermuda Court
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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: Liquor-Purchase/Sell/Barter/Furnish/Give to u/21yr

Minnesota Statute: 340A.503.2(1), with reference to: 340A.702(8)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/19/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26026220

Charge Description: On or about August 19, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Cheryl Ann Rueda did sell, barter, furnish or give alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the morning on August 19, 2026, Sergeant Wilkins and Officer Mohr from the Mankato Department of Safety conducted Alcohol Sales Compliance checks at businesses in the City of Mankato. They had a 19-year-old woman, Witness 1, go into Business 1 and attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage. Witness 1 used her own driver's license which lists her date of birth as April 27, 2007, and says "UNDER 21 until 04/27/28" below her photograph. The orientation of Witness 1's Minnesota driver's license is vertical, indicating Witness 1 is under the age of 21.

Witness 1 was served a beer after ordering one from a female server, later identified as Cheryl Ann Rueda (DOB: 06/06/1954), who first checked Witness 1's driver's license. When police spoke with Rueda, she was upset about having allowed the sale by mistake and said she believed Witness 1's driver's license demonstrated Witness 1 was at least 21 years old.

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:
09/11/2026 11:19 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Christopher K Lowe
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
09/11/2026 10:14 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 11, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/11/2026 01:07 PM

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.

Cheryl Ann Rueda

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: