

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112602  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-571

State of Minnesota,  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Summons

vs.

**JULIE MARIE KELLER DOB: 10/15/1970**

616 7th Avenue Sw  
Rice, MN 56367-4548

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: Motor Vehicle Registration - Intent to Escape Tax**

Minnesota Statute: 168.35

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 01/09/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26000886

Charge Description: On or about January 9, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Julie Marie Keller did with intent to escape payment of any tax on a motor vehicle, delayed or neglected to properly list and apply to register the same, or, with intent to prevent the payment or collection of the proper tax, fee, or lien thereon, violated or neglected to comply with any of the provisions of MN Statute Section 168.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Giving Peace Officer False Name-of Another Person**

Minnesota Statute: 609.506.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 01/09/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26000886

Charge Description: On or about January 9, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Julie Marie Keller did, with intent to obstruct justice, give the name and date of birth of another person to a peace officer when that officer makes inquiries incident to a lawful investigatory stop or lawful arrest, or inquiries incident to executing any other duty imposed by law.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Give Peace Officer False Name/Birthdate/ID Card**

Minnesota Statute: 609.506.1

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 01/09/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26000886

Charge Description: On or about January 9, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Julie Marie Keller did, with intent to obstruct justice, gave a fictitious name, other than a nickname, or gave a false date of birth, or false or fraudulently altered identification card to a peace officer, as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), when that officer makes inquiries incident to a lawful investigatory stop or lawful arrest, or inquiries incident to executing any other duty imposed by law.

**COUNT IV**

**Charge: Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Cancellation**

Minnesota Statute: 171.24.3

Maximum Sentence: 90 days and or \$1000 fine.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 01/09/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26000886

Charge Description: On or about January 9, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Julie Marie Keller did after being given notice, or reasonably should have known of the cancellation, 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 canceled.

**COUNT V**

**Charge: Traffic Regulation - Driver Must Carry Proof of Insurance when Operating Vehicle**

Minnesota Statute: 169.791.2(a)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 01/09/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26000886

Charge Description: On or about January 9, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Julie Marie Keller did fail to produce, upon demand of a peace officer, proof of insurance in force at the time of the demand covering the vehicle being operated.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On January 9, 2026, Officer Colin Johnson of the Mankato Department of Public Safety while on duty in the city of Mankato, located in Blue Earth County was alerted by his Automatic Plate Reader (ALPR) to a red passenger vehicle bearing Minnesota license plate RKC123. The alert indicated registered owner of vehicle being Cancelled. Officer Johnson then conducted a search of the license plate and observed the license plate to have expired registration. Officer Johnson then conducted a traffic stop.

The rear license plate bore a 2026 registration tab which did not correlate within the state system showing registration was expired. Inside the vehicle was a single occupant. The driver indicated that she did not know if she had current registration with her. Driver then provided a driver's license for Ellie Claire Keller (DOB: 4/27/2000). The driver was later properly identified as Julie Marie Keller (DOB: 10/15/1970). The driver was advised to search for her insurance, which she was unable to provide proof of insurance. During the stop Officer Johnson observed the front of the vehicle registration sticker to read D2116040 and belong to plate JSZ181.

Officer Johnson released driver and was advised she was free to leave. Officer Johnson continued to look at the photo ID from driver and vehicle services. Officer Johnson observed the date of birth to be 2000 and realized that the individual he had been speaking with was not the individual on the driver's license she provided. Officer Johnson then recalled that Driver indicated she was on the way to the Clinic in town. When arriving at the Clinic Officer Johnson observed a piece of mail in plain view of the vehicle he had previously stopped to read Julie Keller. Officer Johnson then entered the Clinic and made contact with Julie Keller who he identified as wearing the same clothing she was during their previous encounter. Julie Keller was then placed under arrest.

A short time later the real Ellie Johnson contacted law enforcement and stated that she had applied for a Real ID but thought it was lost in the mail.

## 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:  
02/12/2026 09:14 AM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

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

Electronically Signed:  
02/12/2026 07:43 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: February 12, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**

Greg Anderson  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 02/12/2026 09:18 AM

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.

**Julie Marie Keller**

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: