

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113153  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1277

---

**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**JUAN LUTHER BENDICKSON DOB: 09/16/1981**

127 Knollcrest Drive  
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: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon**

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1, with reference to: 609.11.4

Maximum Sentence: 7 years or \$14,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/31/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009535

Charge Description: On or about March 31, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Juan Luther Bendickson, did assault another with a dangerous weapon.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk**

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/31/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009535

Charge Description: On or about March 31, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Juan Luther Bendickson, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

**COUNT III**

**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): 03/31/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009535

Charge Description: On or about March 31, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Juan Luther Bendickson, 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 IV**

**Charge: Domestic Assault-GM-Subsequent Violation**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/31/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009535

Charge Description: On or about March 31, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Juan Luther Bendickson did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death and has a previous qualified domestic violence-related offense conviction or an adjudication of delinquency within ten years.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 31, 2026, approximately 4:26 AM, officers Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched regarding an individual who was trying to burn down a house and had a lighter and a gas. Dispatch received the suspect name of Juan Luther Bendickson.

Officer Wendell responded to a nearby business in which the victims fled to for their safety. Meanwhile, Officer McCarville responded to the residence in Mankato.

Officer Wendell spoke with Victim 1 and Witness 1. Victim 1's two children were also present.

Victim 1 stated she has been in a relationship with Bendickson for 15 years and they have two children together. Victim 1 said that Bendickson has a long history of mental health problems and is diagnosed with schizophrenia. Victim 1 stated that Bendickson had been going through a difficult time with his mental health issues and they had only been staying at their shared residence off and on. Victim 1 stated that on March 28, 2026, Bendickson left the residence with his belongings to stay at a friend's house in Iowa.

On this day, Victim 1, Witness 1, and the children were sleeping. Victim 1 awoke to Bendickson standing in the bedroom holding a gas can and a lighter. Bendickson stated he was going to light the house on fire. Bendickson then proceeded to flicker the lighter multiple times. Victim 1 was terrified Bendickson was going to light the house on fire. Victim 1 grabbed the kids and fled with Witness 1 to the nearby business.

At the residence, officers located a gas can with liquid contents inside of it.

Officer McCarville made contact with Bendickson. On Bendickson's person, Officer McCarville located approximately 9 grams of a white crystal substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Bendickson was convicted of an assault in Iowa in 2019.

## 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:  
03/31/2026 02:58 PM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

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

Electronically Signed:  
03/31/2026 02:40 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 31, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**                      Andrea Jo Lieser  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/31/2026 04:05 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.

**Juan Luther Bendickson**

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: