

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113092
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1134

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BLAKE ANTHONY YEARLING DOB: 09/26/1997

238 13th Street Ne
Owatonna, MN 55060-1718

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: Domestic Assault-Felony

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.4

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/20/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26008296

Charge Description: On or about March 20, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Blake Anthony Yearling 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 two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency within ten years following discharge from sentence or disposition for that offense.

COUNT II

Charge: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/20/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26008296

Charge Description: On or about March 20, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Blake Anthony Yearling, did assault another with a dangerous weapon.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 20, 2026, at 1:06 AM, Mankato Department of Public Safety officers were dispatched to a report by Witness 1 that Victim was in an argument with Blake Yearling (DOB 09/26/1997) in the City of Mankato, Blue Earth County. Witness 1 reported Yearling attempted to light the house on fire with a torch and Yearling began bleeding when Victim attempted to remove the torch from Yearling's possession.

Officers arrived to the residence and met with Victim. Victim reported being in a relationship with Yearling for two years. Victim reported Yearling was staying with Victim over the weekend. Victim reported Yearling has a history of threatening to kill Victim, threatening the use of weapons and objects against Victim, and Victim was unsure if Yearling would try to kill her.

Victim reported Yearling was upstairs in the residence and Victim was downstairs when Yearling told Victim he would set Victim's house on fire if Victim did not answer his phone call. Victim went upstairs and Yearling held a torch to her. Victim stated Yearling was within arm's reach and he was using the torch to intimidate her. Yearling then turned the torch up to create a stronger flame. He then grabbed a screw driver and began breaking Victim's personal items, during which he stabbed himself in the hand causing him to bleed profusely and he began flicking blood all over Victim's section of the home. Yearling's mother then picked Yearling up and took Yearling to Owatonna. Victim stated she was not physically hurt and then described several prior incidents in which she was punched and choked by Yearling.

Officers observed a large amount of blood splattered on the floors, walls, doors, sink, clothing, and some of Victim's personal items. Officers collected the torch from the scene.

Yearling was then arrested in Owatonna. Yearling stated he had been dating Victim for some time but they have troubles due to controlled substance use. During the argument, Yearling admitted to breaking Victim's personal items and that he frequently makes threats when he is upset. Yearling stated he "probably" threatened Victim, that he grabbed her by the shirt at times during the incident, and that he pointed the torch at her to get her to back up. Yearling stated Victim was probably frightened during the incident, but he denied intending to carry out any threats he made.

Yearling was convicted of an HRO violation in 74-CR-21-248 on April 16, 2021, 1st Degree Burglar in 74-CR-17-2011 April 9, 2018, and Domestic Assault in 74-CR-16-1442 on July 14, 2016.

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

Ken Baker
Sergeant/Patrol Division
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3144

Electronically Signed:
03/20/2026 12:28 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
03/20/2026 12:03 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.

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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 20, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/20/2026 12:47 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.

Blake Anthony Yearling

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: