

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113598
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3155

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

MADISON JAMES SANFORD DOB: 02/27/2007

1110 N Rice Street
Kasota, MN 56050-2020

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: Receiving Stolen Property

Minnesota Statute: 609.53.1, with reference to: 609.52.3(3)(a)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26014062

Charge Description: On or about May 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Madison James Sanford did receive, possess, transfer, buy or conceal any stolen property or property obtained by robbery, knowing or having reason to know the property was stolen or obtained by robbery and the value of the property is over \$1,000.00 but less than \$5,000.00.

COUNT II

Charge: Aid and Abet Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.05.1, 609.52.3(3)(a)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26014062

Charge Description: On or about May 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Madison James Sanford did, intentionally and without claim of right take, use, transfer, conceal or retain possession of the movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property; and the value of the property or services stolen is more than \$1,000.00 but not more than \$5,000.00.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On May 7, 2026, Officers of the Mankato Department of Public Safety received a report of a theft at Business 1, a storage facility. Victim 1 reported that he hired a company, Business 2, to move items for him and employees of the company stole items.

Victim 1 identified the following items missing: Xbox Series X, 2 elite Xbox controllers, 3 regular Xbox controllers, computer power cord, 3 Terabyte hard drive, signed jersey and 2 surge protectors. The estimated total value of the items is \$3,240.

Surveillance footage demonstrated that an employee of Business 2 took a box from the moving truck and placed it in his personal vehicle.

Witness 1, the owner of Business 2, identified one of the employees as Madison James Sanford (DOB: 2/27/2007). Witness 1 confronted Sanford about the theft. Sanford returned the stolen items to Witness 1. Sanford told Witness 1 that he had brought the stolen items to Sanford's house.

Officer McClinton spoke with Sanford. Sanford admitted to participating in the theft.

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:
08/03/2026 12:30 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

John L.V. Brooks
Assistant Blue Earth County
Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
08/03/2026 11:52 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: August 3, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/03/2026 02:41 PM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Madison James Sanford

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: