

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114182
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3845

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JARMEL CORTEZ BROWN DOB: 10/09/1989

109 Owl Path
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

☒ Amended

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: Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence

Minnesota Statute: 624.713.1(2), with reference to: 624.713.2(b), 609.11.5(b)

Maximum Sentence: 15 Years or \$30,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/12/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26029464

Charge Description: On or about September 12, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jarmel Cortez Brown did possess a firearm, while prohibited for having been convicted or adjudicated delinquent of a crime of violence.

COUNT II

Charge: Dangerous Weapons-Reckless Discharge of Firearm Within a Municipality

Minnesota Statute: 609.66.1a(a)(3), with reference to: 609.66.1a(b)(2)

Maximum Sentence: 2 years or \$5,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/12/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26029464

Charge Description: On or about September 12, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jarmel Cortez Brown did recklessly discharge a firearm within a municipality.

COUNT III

Charge: Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence

Minnesota Statute: 624.713.1(2), with reference to: 624.713.2(b), 609.11.5(b)

Maximum Sentence: 15 Years or \$30,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/12/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26029464

Charge Description: On or about September 12, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jarmel Cortez Brown did possess ammunition, while prohibited for having been convicted or adjudicated delinquent of a crime of violence.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the evening on September 12, 2026, Officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a residence in Blue Earth County after Witness 1 reported her husband, Jarmel Cortez Brown (DOB: 10/09/1989) had been drinking and threatening Witness 1. During the 911 call, Dispatch heard Witness 1 state, "pull a gun on me" and "get away from me."

Brown and Witness 1 reside together. They have been married for three years and have a 13-month-old child in common.

While Officer Casillas tried to speak with Witness 1, Brown interrupted Casillas repeatedly and failed to follow Casillas' directions after Casillas informed Brown he was not free to leave. Because Brown was being uncooperative, Casillas placed Brown in handcuffs.

Casillas noted Brown had something bulky and seemingly heavy in his jean pocket that was stretching out the pocket and causing his jeans to sag. Casillas was concerned Brown had a firearm in his possession.

During her interaction with Brown, Casillas detected a strong odor of alcohol emanating from Brown's person. Casillas knew a condition of Brown's current probation is that he cannot consume alcohol.

Casillas decided to place Brown in the backseat of her squad car so she could speak with Witness 1 and while she waited for another Officer to arrive and assist. Prior to putting Brown in Casillas' squad car, she conducted a weapons search of Brown and patted the outside of the bulky item in Brown's jean pocket. The bulk felt hard and like numerous items overlapping. Because it was not possible to determine if Brown had a weapon in his pocket by patting the outside, Casillas reached into Brown's pocket. She pulled out a pocket knife and a baggie containing nine unfired AGUILA 9mm LUGER cartridges.

Brown told Officer Christ that Brown found the bullets near his residence.

Brown is prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition because of prior felony convictions.

Witness 1 reported she had no idea why Brown would have ammunition. She said most of Brown's possessions were along the walls in the garage at the residence. Witness 1 denied possessing firearms or having a permit to purchase/conceal.

Witness 1 described returning home earlier to find Brown obviously drunk. Witness 1 said when Brown gets drunk, he becomes agitated, argumentative, and verbally abusive toward Witness 1. She said she asked Brown multiple times to leave the residence but he refused.

Witness 1 gave police consent to search Witness 1's residence and vehicle for additional ammunition and firearms. Officers applied for a warrant to search the residence and vehicle. The application was approved by a District Court Judge in the Fifth Judicial District.

Later that evening, Detectives and Officers executed the search warrant and discovered inside the residence (1) several fired 9mm shell casings; (2) bullet holes in walls and windows; and (3) a handgun. Police found bullets, a sticky holster, and a handgun in the garage.

Officer Christ transported Brown to the Blue Earth County Jail. On the way, Brown made the following comments to Officer Christ: (1) "if I catch your bitch ass bro. If I catch you ass outside of here bro;" (2) "I'm gonna catch you though;" and (3) "beat your ass bro. Take these handcuffs off bro I'll beat your ass."

Brown has been convicted of the following qualified domestic violence-related offenses in the last ten years: (1) Assault-5th Degree – Court File No. 07-CR-25-1277 – convicted September 29, 2025; (2) Harassment (felony) – Court File No. 07-CR-24-1642 – convicted March 25, 2025; (3) Domestic Assault (felony) – Court File No. 07-CR-17-5087 – convicted May 22, 2018; and (4) Domestic Assault – Court File No. 07-CR-17-1300 – convicted April 28, 2017.

Felony convictions for Harassment and Domestic Violence are crimes of violence as defined in Minn. Stat. § 624.712, subd. 5.

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

Electronically Signed:
10/07/2026 12:01 PM
blue 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:
10/07/2026 10:11 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: October 7, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/07/2026 01:18 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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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: