

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113135  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1221

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**MICHAEL PATRICK VARUSKA DOB: 11/18/1961**

117 Terri Lane  
MN 56001

Defendant.

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**COMPLAINT**

Warrant

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-5th Deg-2/More Prev Convict in 3 years**

Minnesota Statute: 609.224.4(b)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/26/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009075

Charge Description: On or about March 26, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Michael Patrick Varuska did 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 the previous 3 years.

**COUNT II**

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

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.3(a)(2)

Maximum Sentence: 1 year and 1 day or \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/26/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009075

Charge Description: On or about March 26, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Michael Patrick Varuska did display, exhibit, brandish, or otherwise employed a replica firearm or a BB gun in a threatening manner; and acted in reckless disregard of the risk of causing terror in another person.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Carry BB Gun/Rifle/Shotgun/Aslt Wpn-Public Place**

Minnesota Statute: 624.7181.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/26/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009075

Charge Description: On or about March 26, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Michael Patrick Varuska did carry a BB gun in a public place.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the afternoon on March 26, 2026, Officer Keane from the Mankato Department of Public Safety observed a male approaching Keane's squad car with a long rifle in the man's left hand. The man was walking in the middle of the road. Keane determined the gun was actually a bb gun and asked the man what was wrong and if he needed help. The man said he was walking around with a bb gun because Officer Keane is stupid. The man, later identified as Michael Patrick Varuska (DOB: 11/18/61), asked Keane for a ride home. Keane allowed Varuska to sit in the back seat of Keane's squad car. Shortly afterwards, dispatch advised Keane that an assistant property manager at Address 1 said a resident complained about a man putting a "shotgun" in the resident's face. The description of the man, including the name "Mike," matched Varuska. Keane asked Varuska whether Varuska put a bb gun in someone's face, and Varuska said he did.

Police spoke with Victim 1 who observed Varuska in the back seat of Keane's squad car and identified Varuska as the man who pointed a gun at Victim 1. Victim 1 said he was in his yard in Blue Earth County, shoveling dirt and leaves, when he saw Varuska walking down the street carrying a gun. Victim 1 said Varuska walked into the man's yard and pointed the gun at Victim 1's head, about one foot from Victim 1's face. Victim 1 believed the gun was a single barrel firearm, based on Victim 1's experience with firearms. Victim 1 believed Varuska was going to kill Victim 1.

The bb gun is a Red Rider bb gun Model 1938B. Varuska does not have a permit to carry.

Varuska has been convicted of the following domestic violence-related offenses in the last three years: (1) Assault-5th Degree – Court File No. 07-CR-25-1629 – convicted February 23, 2026; (2) HRO violation – Court File No. 07-CR-23-3523 – convicted December 20, 2023; and (3) Assault-5th Degree – Court File No. 07-CR-23-2749 – convicted April 9, 2025.

Keane transported Varuska to the hospital for an evaluation. Because Varuska is currently at a hospital, the State requests a Warrant.

## 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:  
03/27/2026 03:18 PM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Christopher K Lowe  
Assistant County Attorney  
401 Carver Road  
PO Box 3129  
Mankato, MN 56002  
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:  
03/27/2026 01:56 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 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: Hold for Court

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 27, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**

Bradley C Walker  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/27/2026 03:36 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.

**Michael Patrick Varuska**

Defendant

*LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE  
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Warrant  
upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: