State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114518
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4588

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BRIANNA LEIGH GROENEWOLD DOB: 03/17/2004

229 Wickfield Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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 - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Throws/transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto officer
Minnesota Statute: 609.2231.1(c)(2)
Maximum Sentence: 3 years or $6,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/22/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26034093

Charge Description: On or about October 22, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Brianna Leigh Groenewold did intentionally throw or otherwise transfer bodily fluids at or onto a peace officer licensed under state law who was effecting a lawful arrest or executing any other duty imposed by law.

COUNT II

Charge: Assault-5th Deg-Inflict or Attempt Bodily Harm
Minnesota Statute: 609.224.1(2)
Maximum Sentence: 90 days or $1,000 fine, or both.
Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/22/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26034093

Charge Description: On or about October 22, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Brianna Leigh Groenewold, did intentionally inflict or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another.

COUNT III

Charge: Assault-5th Degree-Fear of Bodily Harm or Death
Minnesota Statute: 609.224.1(1)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or $1,000 fine, or both.
Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/22/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26034093

Charge Description: On or about October 22, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Brianna Leigh Groenewold, did commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 22nd, 2026, officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to a disturbance at a residence within the City of Mankato. Officer Rutz responded to the location and spoke with Witness 1. Witness 1 stated that they are one of the staff members at the residence. Witness 1 stated that Brianna Leigh Groenewold (DOB: 03/17/2004) started getting upset with another individual living at the residence. Groenewold was attempting to cook some food, but another individual was still in the kitchen cooking.

Witness 1 stated that Groenewold became upset and took the knob off of the oven and began throwing objects at the other individual. Witness 1, along with several other staff members, attempted to place Groenewold in a hold in an attempt to calm her down.

Victim 2 also spoke with Officer Rutz and told him that while staff were trying to calm Groenewold down and put her in a hold, Groenewold bit Victim 1. Victim 2 stated that Groenewold then went after another staff member and Groenewold shoved Victim 2 to the ground. Victim 2 stated that Groenewold shoved her with two hands to the chest and that when she was shoved, Victim 2 was afraid of Groenewold hurting her more.

Officer Koss also arrived on scene at the residence and remained on scene to monitor Groenewold while other officers spoke with the witnesses and victims. While Officer Koss was standing in the bedroom monitoring Groenewold, Groenewold continued to spit and throw clothes. Groenewold looked at Officer Koss and spit at and on him, some of which landed on his face/lips.

Officer Whittet responded to the hospital to speak with Victim 1. Victim 1 stated that Groenewold had become upset because she was unable to make her dinner and that she stated that she was going to hurt staff and other residents. Victim 1 told Officer Whittet that Groenewold then began hitting and kicking staff members while staff attempted to gain control over Groenewold. While Victim 1 was attempting to assist, Groenewold grabbed Victim 1’s right arm and bit down on their upper right arm for 8-10 seconds. Officer Whittet noted that the bite had broken the skin of Victim 1 and that there were remnants of blood on Victim 1’s sweatshirt.

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

Matthew Huettl
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3142

Electronically Signed:
10/29/2026 02:09 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Benjamin R. Chapman
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
10/29/2026 12:55 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).

[X] 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 30, 2026.

Judicial Officer Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/30/2026 05:34 AM

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: