

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114138
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3721

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CLINTON WILLIAM AESOPH DOB: 05/06/1977

109 Oreal Path
Mankato, MN 56001

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: Burglary-1st Deg-Dwelling-Occupied-Non-Accomplice Present

Minnesota Statute: 609.582.1(a)

Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$35,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/03/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26028402

Charge Description: On or about September 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Clinton William Aesoph did enter a building without consent and with intent to commit a crime, or entered a building without consent and committed a crime while in the building, either directly or as an accomplice and the building is a dwelling and another person, not an accomplice, is present in it when the burglar enters or at any time while the burglar is in the building.

COUNT II

Charge: Burglary-1st Deg-Assault Person In Build/On Property

Minnesota Statute: 609.582.1(c)

Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$35,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/03/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26028402

Charge Description: On or about September 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Clinton William Aesoph did enter a building without consent and with intent to commit a crime, or entered a building without consent and committed a crime while in the building, either directly or as an accomplice and the burglar assaults a person within the building or on the building's appurtenant property.

COUNT III

Charge: Kidnapping-To Commit Great Bodily Harm/Terrorize

Minnesota Statute: 609.25.1(3), with reference to: 609.25.2(1)

Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$35,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/03/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26028402

Charge Description: On or about September 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Clinton William Aesoph, did confine or remove from one place to another, any person without the person's consent, or, if the person is under the age of 16 years, without the consent of the person's parents or other legal custodian, and did so with the purpose to commit great bodily harm or to terrorize the victim or another; and the victim was released in a safe place without great bodily harm.

COUNT IV

Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(2)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/03/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26028402

Charge Description: On or about September 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Clinton William Aesoph, did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflict or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On September 3rd, 2026, officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to a reported domestic assault at a residence within the City of Mankato. Witness 1 called dispatch and reported that her neighbor, Victim 1, was being attacked and beaten by her significant other, Clinton William Aesoph (DOB: 05/06/1977).

Officer Christ and Officer Honetschlager responded to the scene. Officer Honetschlager first spoke with Victim 1 who stated that she lives at the residence with her boyfriend, Aesoph. Victim 1 stated that they have lived together at this residence since July and prior to that had lived together in South Dakota. Victim 1 told Officer Honetschlager that Aesoph had taken their neighbor, Witness 2, to the liquor store. After returning from the liquor store, Aesoph was upset and began accusing her of cheating on him.

Victim 1 told Officer Honetschlager that Aesoph chased her out of their residence and that she ran to her neighbor's residence for help. Victim 1 stated that Witness 2 and Witness 3 let her into the residence of Witness 3. Victim 1 stated she told them that she needed help. Victim 1 told Officer Honetschlager that someone attempted to close the door but Aesoph broke through the door into Witness 3's residence. Victim 1 stated that she attempted to get away from Aesoph by running up the stairs. Aesoph then grabbed Victim 1 by her ankles and drug her down the stairs as Witness 1 and Witness 2 were yelling at Aesoph to let her go and to get out of the residence. Victim 1 also informed Officer Honetschlager that on August 29th, Aesoph had thrown a firework mortar at her head.

Victim 1 indicated that she was afraid of Aesoph and was yelling for people to call the police. Victim 1 also stated that she yelled for Aesoph to let her go but he would not do so. Officer Honetschlager noted numerous scratches and scrapes on Victim 1's legs, as well as a contusion with a small cut on her forehead. While speaking with officers regarding the incident, Victim 1 noted multiple recent incidents of domestic abuse by Aesoph against Victim 1.

While speaking with Officer Honetschlager, Victim 1's phone rang numerous times with the caller ID showing the name "Clinton." Officer Honetschlager spoke briefly with Aesoph; Aesoph stated that he was not home tonight and is in Omaha. Victim 1 pulled up a location application on her phone, which showed Aesoph's current location to be traveling on a county road south of Mankato towards Highway 22. Aesoph was later taken into custody by the Minnesota State Highway Patrol on suspicion of DWI.

While Officer Honetschlager spoke with Victim 1, Officer Christ spoke with Witness 1 who stated that she was present at the residence to hangout with Witness 2 and Witness 3. Witness 2 lived at the residence with Witness 4. Witness 1 stated that Victim 1 banged on the front door of the residence asking to be let in to get away from Aesoph. Victim 1 was let into the residence and Witness 3 attempted to shut the door but Aesoph put his foot in the door frame and then forcefully pushed the door open and entered the residence. Witness 1 stated that nobody gave Aesoph consent to enter the residence.

Witness 1 told Officer Christ that after Aesoph entered the residence, Victim 1 ran up stairs to get away from Aesoph. Witness 1 stated that Aesoph caught up with Victim 1 upstairs and then he dragged Victim 1 down the stairs by the leg and assaulted her. Aesoph dragged Victim 1 from the upstairs to the downstairs entry way to remove her from the residence without her consent. Witness 1 stated that Victim 1's body hit each stair as Aesoph dragged her and Victim 1 screamed for Aesoph to stop. Witness 1 stated that she called 911 and Aesoph left the residence.

Officer Whittet spoke with Witness 3 who stated he was at the residence with Witness 1 and Witness 2. Witness 3 told Officer Whittet that they were present with Victim 1 began urgently banging on the door to

the residence and ringing the doorbell while asking for help. Witness 3 stated he opened the door to let Victim 1 in and Aesoph then forced his way into the residence while screaming at everyone. Witness 3 stated that Aesoph then grabbed Victim 1 by her ankles and dragged her down the stairs. Aesoph told Witness 3 that he had a machete and a bat. Witness 3 attempted to push Aesoph out of the residence but Aesoph refused to leave. Witnesses 1, 2, and 3 told Aesoph to leave multiple times but he would not leave the residence.

Officer Gelle spoke with Witness 4 who told Officer Gelle that he was the renter of the residence that Aesoph broke into. Witness 4 stated that he lives with Witness 2 who is also on the lease. Witness 4 stated that Witness 1 and Witness 3 had spent the night at his residence and they were there with his consent and had permission to make decisions on who was or was not allowed in the residence. Witness 4 told Officer Gelle that Aesoph did not have permission or consent from him or anyone else to be inside Witness 4's residence.

After being placed under arrest and read his Miranda Warning, Officer Christ spoke with Aesoph who stated that he and Victim 1 had been boyfriend and girlfriend for approximately one year. Aesoph admitted to entering the residence of Witness 4 and going up the stairs after Victim 1. Aesoph admitted he grabbed Victim 1 by her foot and dragged her to try to drag her out of the residence.

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:
09/08/2026 10:18 AM
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:
09/08/2026 09:52 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: September 8, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/08/2026 10:29 AM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

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Clinton William Aesoph

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: