State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114606
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4662

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STEPHANIE LYNN PUTTBRESE DOB: 12/03/1984

110 W Lafayette Street
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: Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess - Methamphet/Amphetamine in School/Park/Pub Housing Zone
Minnesota Statute: 152.023.2(a)(6), with reference to: 152.023.3(a)
Maximum Sentence: 20 years or $250,000, or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/02/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26035449

Charge Description: On or about November 2, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Stephanie Lynn Puttbrese did unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures containing methamphetamine or amphetamine in a school zone, a park zone, a public housing zone, or a drug treatment facility.

COUNT II

Charge: Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp
Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(a)(1), with reference to: 152.025.4(b)
Maximum Sentence: 5 years or $10,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/02/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26035449

Charge Description: On or about November 2, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Stephanie Lynn Puttbrese, did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products or a residual amount of one or more mixtures of controlled substances contained in drug paraphernalia, and the mixture does not include any amount of a controlled substance

in a fluid used in a water pipe and said controlled substance was more than .25 grams or 1 dosage unit.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On November 2nd, 2026, Officer Hermanson of the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to a disturbance at a residence within the City of Mankato. The complainant, Witness 1, had called for assistance in getting an individual, later identified as Stephanie Lynn Puttbrese (DOB: 12/03/1984) out of his residence and to a different residence.

Officer Hermanson responded and spoke with Witness 1 who stated that Puttbrese had been throwing things around and that he wanted help in getting her out. Witness 1 stated that he just wanted Puttbrese out of his residence and taken somewhere else.

Officer Hermanson then spoke with Puttbrese who stated that she wanted to go to another location. Puttbrese put her property in the trunk of Officer Hermanson's squad car. Prior to putting Puttbrese in his squad car, Officer Hermanson conducted a weapons frisk of Puttbrese. While doing the weapons frisk, Officer Hermanson located an unknown mass that he asked Puttbrese to remove from her pockets to ensure it wasn't anything dangerous. Officer Hermanson observed a small baggie containing a white crystalline substance that he immediately suspected to be methamphetamine based on his training and experience.

Officer Coutier arrived and assisted by placing Puttbrese in handcuffs. Officer Hermanson then searched Puttbrese's coat pocket due to his observation of suspected methamphetamine. Within Puttbrese's coat, Officer Hermanson located a total of two baggies with a white crystalline substance suspected to be methamphetamine. Officer Hermanson also located three unmarked and unspecified pills in Puttbrese's coat.

One of the baggies found by Officer Hermanson in Puttbrese's coat weighed .78g and field tested positive for methamphetamine. The other baggie found in Puttbrese's coat weighed 1.36g and field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Officer Hermanson noted that the location in which Puttbrese was located was within a park zone as defined in Minn. Stat. § 152.01.

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

Jeff Knutson
Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3148

Electronically Signed:
11/03/2026 01:40 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:
11/03/2026 01:05 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.

☐ ***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: November 3, 2026.

Judicial Officer Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/03/2026 03:04 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.

Stephanie Lynn Puttbrese

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: