

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114050  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3496

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**MIA PARTHENIA BYERS DOB: 08/24/1991**

507 E Plum 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: Criminal Vehicular Operation - Bodily Harm - Under Influence Alcohol**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2113.3(2)(i), with reference to: 609.2113.3

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/23/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26026860

Charge Description: On or about August 23, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Mia Parthenia Byers did operate a motor vehicle in a negligent manner while under the influence of alcohol resulting in bodily harm.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol**

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.27.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/23/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26026860

Charge Description: On or about August 23, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Mia Parthenia Byers, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Traffic regulation - Failure to drive in single lane**

Minnesota Statute: 169.18.7(1), with reference to: 169.89.1(1)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/23/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26026860

Charge Description: On or about August 23, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Mia Parthenia Byers, did fail to drive a vehicle as nearly as practicable entirely within a single lane and shall not move from such lane until the driver first ascertained that such movement could be made with safety and the violation was committed in a manner or under circumstances so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 23, 2026, at approximately 2:15 a.m., Officer Coutier was patrolling northbound on Monks Avenue when he observed a silver Chevrolet Impala (MN/LIC # KVVU497) cross the center line and crash head-on into a silver Ford Taurus (MN/LIC # SCL716).

Officer Coutier requested an ambulance to respond, checked on the occupants of each vehicle, and then spoke with the driver of the Chevrolet Impala, Mia Byers (DOB: 8/24/1991).

Officer Coutier observed the overwhelming odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from Byers, and that her eyes were bloodshot and watery. Byers agreed to perform SFSTs.

Officer Coutier observed all six clues on the horizontal gaze nystagmus. On the walk-and-turn test, Officer Coutier observed that Byers lost balance during the instructions, started before the instructions were finished, did not touch heel to toe, stepped off the line, used her arms for balance, took the incorrect number of steps and performed an improper turn. On the one-legged stand, Byers swayed while balancing, used her arms to balance, and put her foot down several times. Byers admitted to drinking a tequila and lemonade drink a couple of hours prior.

Byers refused a PBT. Byers stated she did not want the PBT test results to negatively affect a different case she is involved in.

Officer Coutier applied for a blood draw search warrant and transported Byers to a local hospital. The search warrant was executed at 3:50 a.m.

Officer Coutier learned that one of the passengers of the other vehicle had neck pain and a visible abrasion on her cheek. Another passenger sustained a laceration on his mouth.

## 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:  
08/24/2026 01:00 PM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

John L.V. Brooks  
Assistant Blue Earth County  
Attorney  
401 Carver Road  
PO Box 3129  
Mankato, MN 56002  
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:  
08/24/2026 12:32 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: August 24, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**

Kristine Weeks  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/24/2026 01:27 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.

**Mia Parthenia Byers**

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: