

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113151  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1259

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**JOHN FITZGERALD THOMAS DOB: 07/26/1966**

534 Garfield Avenue  
North Mankato, MN 56003

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Order of Detention

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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: Violate No Contact Order - Within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions**

Minnesota Statute: 629.75.2(d)(1)

Maximum Sentence: 30 days to 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/30/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009469

Charge Description: On or about March 30, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, John Fitzgerald Thomas did violate a Domestic Abuse No-Contact Order and the respondent or person to be restrained knew of the existence of the order and the violation within ten years of the first of two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Domestic Abuse - Violate Order for Protection**

Minnesota Statute: 518B.01.14(a)

Maximum Sentence: 30 days to 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/30/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009469

Charge Description: On or about March 30, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, John Fitzgerald Thomas did violate an order for protection granted by a judge or referee and the violation occurred within ten years of the first of two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 10, 2026, a District Court judge issued a domestic abuse no contact order that prohibited Jon Fitzgerald Thomas from having any contact with Victim 1. The order was served on Thomas.

On March 20, 2026, an emergency ex parte order for protection was issued by a district court judge that prohibited Thomas from having any contact with Victim 1. The order for protection was served on Thomas on March 24, 2026.

On March 30, 2026, Officer Sokolov was dispatched to an OFP and DANCO violation that occurred in Mankato. Officer Sokolov spoke with Victim 1. Victim 1 stated she received a call from an unknown number and answered. Victim 1 recognized the person on the other end as Thomas. Thomas asked about some tennis shoes, clothes, and his tools. Victim 1 ended the call. Victim 1 said she also heard Witness 1 on the phone.

Officer Sokolov spoke with Witness 1. Witness 1 said Thomas asked him to call Victim 1. Thomas then also spoke to Victim 1. Witness 1 said that Victim 1 said that Thomas cannot come to her residence without a police officer or sheriff. Thomas then asked Witness 1 if he could bring Thomas to Victim 1's residence. Witness 1 refused.

Officer Sokolov made contact with Thomas. Thomas said that his friend made a phone call to Victim 1 to help him out. Thomas stated that his lawyer advised him that the DANCO was going to be dopped on April 19th. Thomas stated he understood that the DANCO was still active.

Thomas has multiple domestic related convictions in the last ten years, including domestic assault in 2023, violate an OFP in 2022, and domestic assault in 2019.

## 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:  
03/31/2026 10:32 AM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Taylor Fast  
Assistant County Attorney  
401 Carver Road  
PO Box 3129  
Mankato, MN 56002  
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:  
03/31/2026 09:23 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: March 31, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**                      Andrea Jo Lieser  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/31/2026 10:42 AM

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.

**John Fitzgerald Thomas**

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: