

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114322
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4130

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD DONNELL NOLEN JR DOB: 06/20/1981

210 Dewey Lane
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: Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Value Reduced Over \$1000

Minnesota Statute: 609.595.1(4), with reference to: 609.595.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/01/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26031503

Charge Description: On or about October 1, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Richard Donnell Nolen Jr did intentionally cause damage to another person's physical property without the other person's consent, and the damage reduced the value of the property by more than \$1,000.00, as measured by the cost of repair and replacement.

COUNT II

Charge: Domestic Assault-GM-Subsequent Violation

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.2, with reference to: 609.2242.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/01/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26031503

Charge Description: On or about October 1, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Richard Donnell Nolen Jr, did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflict or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another and has a previous qualified domestic violence-related offense conviction or an adjudication of delinquency within ten years.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 1, 2026, Officers of the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to a residence in the City of Mankato in response to a report of a domestic incident.

Officers Wagner and Gelle responded. Officer Wagner entered the apartment building and could hear screaming and yelling from around the corner. Officer Wagner went to the specific apartment and heard a male and female screaming at each other. A male, later identified as Richard Donnell Nolen, Jr. (DOB: 06/20/1981) answered the door. Victim 1 was present in the apartment standing topless in the kitchen holding a shirt. Three children were present in the nearby living room. The children are the common children of Nolen and Victim 1.

Officer Wagner spoke with Victim 1. She reported that she had been staying at the residence for a few days with the children. Victim 1 had returned to the residence and knocked on the door. Nolen answered the door and then closed the door on her. One of her children then let her in. Nolen came out and yelled at her to get out. During the argument, Nolen dragged Victim 1 to the ground, beat her up, and during the altercation, Nolen had ripped her shirt off her. Victim 1 had fresh red marks on the side of her throat, likely caused by the force of Nolen pulling on the shirt.

Witness 1, a six-year-old child, stated that Nolen fought Victim 1 with his fists and hit her four times.

Victim 1 also stated that Nolen damaged certain property, including a MacBook Air computer, which had been operable when she left the apartment earlier in the morning, was now damaged and completely inoperable. The damage included a shattered screen and keys falling out of the keyboard. Victim 1 also stated that her Ray-Ban Meta glasses were damaged by submersion in the toilet. Victim 1 estimated the total value of the damaged items at \$1,700.

Nolen was previously convicted of Violate Order for Protection in Court File # 02-CR-20-5590.

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:
10/01/2026 03:29 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:
10/01/2026 03:25 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: October 1, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/01/2026 04:00 PM

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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Richard Donnell Nolen Jr

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: