

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112893
Court File No. 07-CR-26-701

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TROY MITCHELL JOHNSON DOB: 02/06/1966

1231 130 Avenue
Murray, IA 50174

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: Assault-4th Deg-Motivated By Bias

Minnesota Statute: 609.2231.4(a)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/19/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26005196

Charge Description: On or about February 19, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, State of Minnesota, Troy Mitchell Johnson did assault another, in whole or in substantial part because of the victim's or another's actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, national origin, or disability.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the afternoon on February 19, 2026, Police responded to Business 1 in Blue Earth County after Witness 1, the manager of Business 1, reported a customer threatened another customer with a bat. Witness 1 said one of the customers was a White male and the other customer was a Black male. Witness 1 reported the White male threatened the Black male and repeatedly called the Black male the N-word, telling the Black male, "I'll beat your ass."

Witness 1 noted the White male was holding a beer bottle when he directed racial slurs toward the Black male and Witness 1 feared the White male was going to assault the Black male with the beer bottle. Witness 1 said half of the words coming out of the White's male mouth was the N-word.

Staff at Business 1 told Witness 1 the White male, later identified as Troy Mitchell Johnson (DOB: 02/06/1966), had been continuously using the N-word in an apparent effort to provoke the Black male ("Victim 1") to fight. Other customers got involved to try to de-escalate the situation Johnson created.

When Witness 1 escorted Johnson out of Business 1 because of Johnson's conduct, Johnson asked Witness 1, "you're gonna stick up for this [N-word]?" Johnson said to Witness 1, "you're a [N-word] lover."

After the men were separated, while Johnson was seated in his semi-truck outside Business 1, Victim 1 walked to Victim 1's semi-truck and Johnson honked his horn at Victim 1 and waved at bat at Victim 1 as Victim 1 passed. Witness 1 told Victim 1 that Witness 1 was going to call the police.

When police made contact with Johnson and asked if Johnson was going to pose any problems for police, Johnson pointed at Victim 1 and said, "you'll have to ask him."

Victim 1 told Officer Casillas that when Victim 1 entered Business 1 to place a food order, Johnson observed Victim 1 and yelled the N-word loud enough for Victim 1 to hear Johnson. Victim 1 then heard Johnson say, "I got a couple shotguns for those [N-words]."

When Victim 1 told Johnson to watch Johnson's mouth, Johnson replied, "what the fuck are you going to do, [N-word]?" When Victim 1 asked Johnson why Johnson was directing a racial slur toward Victim 1, Johnson said, "you're not going to do nothing, [N-word]."

At the time, Johnson was seated at the bar inside Business 1 and told Victim 1, "I'll bust you across your head with this beer bottle," while holding a beer bottle. Victim 1 denied making any threatening comment to Johnson. When Victim 1 walked by Johnson's semi-truck, on the way to Victim 1's semi-truck, Johnson waved an aluminum bat at Victim 1 and said, "I'll bust your head with this, [N-word]." Johnson then called Victim 1 the N-word repeatedly.

Victim 1 said Victim 1 was shocked by how freely Johnson addressed Victim 1 using a racial slur in a public area.

Witness 2 reported being 40-50 feet from Johnson inside Business 1 when Witness 2 heard Johnson yell the N-word. When Victim 1 approached Johnson regarding Johnson's use of the N-word, Witness 2 observed Johnson repeatedly calling Victim 1 the N-word.

Witness 3 is a bartender at Business 1 and heard Johnson call Victim 1 the N-word several times.

Witness 4, a cook at Business 1, also heard Johnson call Victim 1 the N-word. Witness 4 observed Johnson shove Victim 1 hard enough to cause Victim 1 to take steps back.

Johnson admitted to Officer McGuire that Johnson had used the N-word inside Business 1.

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

Jesse Gilbertson
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3126

Electronically Signed:
02/20/2026 10:46 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Christopher K Lowe
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
02/20/2026 10:29 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.

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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: February 20, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Timothy J. Looby
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 02/20/2026 12:27 PM

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

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*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: