

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113829  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2987

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State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**STEPHEN LEE HYLAND DOB: 01/06/1989**

1438 N 4th Street  
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Summons

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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: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk**

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/02/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26017406

Charge Description: On or about June 2, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Stephen Lee Hyland, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On June 5th, 2026, Officer Cogswell of the Mankato Department of Public Safety was dispatched to a complaint within the City of Mankato. Victim 1 reported that an individual she worked with, and had been in a romantic relationship with, Stephen Lee Hyland (DOB: 01/06/1989), had threatened to kill her.

Officer Cogswell met with Victim 1 and Victim 2, who reported that Hyland had sent numerous threatening text messages to Victim 1. Victim 1 was in Mankato when she received these text messages. Officer Cogswell reviewed the text messages sent by Hyland to Victim 1. The text messages sent by Hyland to Victim 1 included:

- “Ima kill you”
- “I don’t have to end your life to end y’all’s life”
- “Yep a fucking dead man just like you bitxh”
- “You shouldn’t have played with me”

Victim 1 reported that she was frightened by the threats and did not know Hyland’s full intentions but would not put it past him to carry out his threat to kill her.

On June 11th, 2026, Officer Cogswell spoke briefly with Hyland over the phone. Hyland stated he was out of town and would prefer to speak at a later date. Officer Cogswell has not heard back from Hyland as of the date of this Complaint.

## 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:  
07/23/2026 10:40 AM  
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:  
07/22/2026 04:16 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: July 23, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**

Bradley C Walker  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 07/23/2026 10:46 AM

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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**Stephen Lee Hyland**

Defendant

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE**

*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this  
Summons upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: