

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113348
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1821

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JORDAN JOVANI MENDEZ DOB: 06/25/2002

636 Blue Earth 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: Domestic Assault - By Strangulation

Minnesota Statute: 609.2247.2

Maximum Sentence: 3 years or \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013793

Charge Description: On or about May 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jordan Jovani Mendez did assault a family or household member by strangulation.

COUNT II

Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(2)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013793

Charge Description: On or about May 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jordan Jovani Mendez, did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflict or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Early in the morning on May 5, 2026, Officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a residence in the City of Mankato after Victim 1 reported Victim 1's boyfriend of one year, Jordan Jovani Mendez (DOB: 06/25/2002) hit Victim 1 while Victim 1 held their newborn baby.

Officer Hermanson responded and spoke with Victim 1 who said Mendez. "kept hitting [Victim 1] and [Victim 1] was trying to walk away from [Mendez]." Victim 1 reported Mendez came home drunk and Victim 1 did not want to let Mendez in the house because Victim 1 was scared of Mendez due to his history with alcohol. "He was kicking the fuck out of me," Victim 1 told Officer Hermanson. Victim 1 said Mendez smacked Victim 1 three times on Victim 1's face while Victim 1 held their three-week-old child. Victim 1 said the final smack caused ringing in Victim 1's ear.

At one point, Victim 1 stated, Mendez put his hands around Victim 1's neck, restricting Victim 1's breathing and making it hard for Victim 1 to breathe. Victim 1 said Victim 1 got scared when Mendez did this and felt that Victim 1 was about to "black out" as a result of Mendez choking Victim 1. Victim 1 said Mendez has choked Victim 1 on other occasions and come close to making Victim 1 black out.

Victim 1 showed Officer Hermanson Victim 1's injuries which included marks on Victim 1's neck, cuts on Victim 1's right hand, a long cut on the back of Victim 1's right shoulder, a bite mark on Victim 1's left breast, and a small amount of dried blood just under Victim 1's right nostril.

Victim 1 reported Victim 1 bit Mendez's finger when Mendez was choking Victim 1. In return, Mendez bit Victim 1 on the breast.

Police spoke with Mendez at another residence. He admitted getting into an argument with Victim 1 but said he was a bit unclear how everything happened. He said if he did anything he would have just bear-hugged Victim 1 to keep Victim 1 from charging at Mendez. Mendez attributed some of Victim 1's scratches to self-harm. Mendez said Victim 1 has been suffering from post-partum depression.

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:
05/05/2026 03:48 PM
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:
05/05/2026 02:49 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.

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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: May 5, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/05/2026 04:35 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.

Jordan Jovani Mendez

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: