

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070110934
Court File No. 07-CR-25-2186

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

ZACKERY THOMAS ELY DOB: 04/13/1980

40438 281st Avenue
Le Sueur, MN 56058-4198

Defendant.

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): 05/31/2025 to 06/01/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25015791

Charge Description: On or between May 31, 2025 and June 1, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Zackery Thomas Ely, 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.

COUNT II

Charge: False Imprisonment-Intentional Restraint

Minnesota Statute: 609.255.2

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/31/2025 to 06/01/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25015791

Charge Description: On or between May 31, 2025 and June 1, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Zackery Thomas Ely, did, knowingly lacking lawful authority to do so, intentionally confined or restrained another person without the person's consent.

COUNT III

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): 05/31/2025 to 06/01/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25015791

Charge Description: On or between May 31, 2025 and June 1, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Zackery Thomas Ely did assault a family or household member by strangulation.

COUNT IV

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): 05/31/2025 to 06/01/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25015791

Charge Description: On or between May 31, 2025 and June 1, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Zackery Thomas Ely, 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.

COUNT V

Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(1)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/31/2025 to 06/01/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25015791

Charge Description: On or between May 31, 2025 and June 1, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Zackery Thomas Ely, did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death.

COUNT VI

Charge: Damage to Property-4th Deg-Intentional Damage-Other Circumstances

Minnesota Statute: 609.595.3

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/31/2025 to 06/01/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25015791

Charge Description: On or between May 31, 2025 and June 1, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Zackery Thomas Ely did intentionally cause damage to another person's physical property without the other person's consent.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On June 3, 2025, Officer Christ of the Mankato Department of Public Safety spoke with Victim 1 after there was a welfare check for her. Victim 1 stated she was fine but had been assaulted over the weekend by Zackery Thomas Ely.

Victim 1 explained that she had been in a romantic relationship with Ely since January 2025. There had previously been abuse at the hands of Ely.

Victim 1 described an assault that occurred on the night of May 31 and into the morning of June 1, 2025, in Blue Earth County.

Victim 1 stated that Ely took Victim 1's cell phone without her consent and started going through it. Ely became increasingly angry, and Victim 1 ended up putting a pillow over her face for protection because she was afraid that Ely was going to assault her. Victim 1 stated that Ely continued to escalate the aggression and eventually stood up and lunged at her. Ely then told Victim 1 he was going to kill her and knock her teeth out. Ely pushed Victim 1's head onto the footboard hitting the back of Victim 1's head on it. Ely then placed hands around Victim 1's neck and squeezed. Victim 1 stated Ely's actions choked her, and she could not breathe for around 30 seconds. Ely then made a closed fist and punched Victim 1 in the face. Victim 1 stated that Ely also kneed her in the rib cage and destroyed her laptop.

Victim 1 stated she wanted to call 911 but Ely had her phone. At one point, Victim 1 tried to have Siri call 911. Victim 1 stated that Ely eventually calmed down and apologized to her. Victim 1 described trying to leave the bedroom but Ely blocked the door and would not let her leave.

Officer Christ observed a red mark on the left side of Victim 1's neck from when Ely choked her and observed an injury on Victim 1's cheek from Ely punching her.

Ely was located and arrested. Ely admitted to confronting Victim 1 about things he found on Victim 1's phone but denied any assault occurred.

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

Craig Frericks
Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3102

Electronically Signed:
06/04/2025 01:04 PM
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:
06/04/2025 12:27 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: June 4, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/04/2025 01:24 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.

Zackery Thomas Ely

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: