State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114611
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4660

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NIKOLAS RICHARD PIGOZZO DOB: 12/01/1990

428 N 4th 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: 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): 11/02/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26035403

Charge Description: On or about November 2, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Nikolas Richard Pigozzo, 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: 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): 11/02/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26035403

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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On November 2nd, 2026, officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a report of an individual, later identified as Nikolas Richard Pigozzo (DOB: 12/01/1990), threatening individuals in the store and parking lot of Business 1 within the City of Mankato.

Officer Herwig responded and spoke with Witness 1, a store employee for Business 1. Witness 1 stated that Pigozzo had threatened to shoot an individual in the parking lot of the store and now was in the store threatening customers. Witness 1 reported that Pigozzo was threatening customers and pretending to hold up a gun at them. Witness 1 also stated that Pigozzo appeared to have a knife imprint in his back pocket.

Officer Herwig detained Pigozzo while Officer Anderson spoke with Victim 1 and Victim 2. Officer Anderson noted that Victim 1 was crying and emotional when Officer Anderson first made contact. Victim 1 and Victim 2 stated that Pigozzo came up to Victim 1 while Victim 1 was standing at the counter waiting for her food. Pigozzo kept doing things with his hands toward Victim 1 and staring at her.

Victim 1 was able to get her food and went to sit down with Victim 2. Victim 1 stated that she saw something like a knife sticking out of Pigozzo's back pocket but wasn't sure what it was. Victim 2 then went to fill her drink and Pigozzo approached her and mumbled something to her. Pigozzo then walked away and Victim 2 went back to Victim 1. When Victim 1 and Victim 2 were by each other, Pigozzo then starts walking toward them with his hands up as if he is pointing a firearm at them and motioning at them as if to shoot at them.

Officer Anderson then spoke with another Business 1 employee, Witness 2, who stated that Pigozzo had been in the store threatening individuals and motioning at them as if he was shooting at them.

Officer Herwig spoke with another Business 1 employee, Witness 3, who stated that she saw Pigozzo walking around outside repeatedly. She said she saw Pigozzo walk up to people threaten them by pretending he had a gun and aiming it at people and motioning to shoot them. Witness 3 stated multiple customers left Business 1 after being threatened by Pigozzo.

Officer Herwig reviewed the store footage and observed Pigozzo holding his arms in a manner consistent with holding a rifle at Victim 1 and Victim 2. While Pigozzo does this Victim 1 and Victim 2 quickly walk away clearly afraid of Pigozzo while looking over their shoulders to look at what Pigozzo is doing.

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

Jeff Knutson
Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3148

Electronically Signed:
11/03/2026 01:37 PM
Blue Earth County,

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:
11/03/2026 01:17 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: November 3, 2026.

Judicial Officer Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/03/2026 03:01 PM

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

COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA

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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: