State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114695
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4822

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CARTER JAY ELY DOB: 11/04/2005

830 Beaver Ave Apt 2
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: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon
Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1, with reference to: 609.11.4
Maximum Sentence: 7 years or $14,000 fine or both.
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26023266

Charge Description: On or about November 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Carter Jay Ely, did assault another with a dangerous weapon; to wit, Victim 1.

COUNT II

Charge: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon
Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1, with reference to: 609.11.4
Maximum Sentence: 7 years or $14,000 fine or both.
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26023266

Charge Description: On or about November 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Carter Jay Ely, did assault another with a dangerous weapon; to wit, Victim 2.

COUNT III

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): 11/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26023266

Charge Description: On or about November 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Carter Jay 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; to wit, Victim 2.

COUNT IV

Charge: Domestic Assault-GM-Subsequent Violation
Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.2
Maximum Sentence: 364 days or $3,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 11/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26023266

Charge Description: On or about November 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Carter Jay 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 and has a previous qualified domestic violence-related offense conviction or an adjudication of delinquency within ten years; to wit, Victim 1.

COUNT V

Charge: Assault in the fifth degree; Gross misdemeanor-Within three years of previous conviction.
Minnesota Statute: 609.224.2(b)
Maximum Sentence: 364 days or $3,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 11/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26023266

Charge Description: On or about November 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Carter Jay Ely did commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death within three years of a previous qualified domestic violence-related offense conviction or adjudication of delinquency; to wit, Victim 2.

COUNT VI

Charge: Assault in the fifth degree; Gross misdemeanor-Within three years of previous conviction.
Minnesota Statute: 609.224.2(b)
Maximum Sentence: 364 days or $3,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 11/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26023266

Charge Description: On or about November 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Carter Jay Ely, did intentionally inflict or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another within three years of a previous qualified domestic violence-related offense conviction or adjudication of delinquency; to wit, Victim 2.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On November 11, 2026, at approximately 6:45 PM, deputies of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a residence in Blue Earth County Minnesota, on report of an assault involving a firearm.

Deputies arrived and spoke with Victim 1. Victim 1 stated that Carter Jay Ely is her ex-boyfriend and they previously dated for two years. Ely lives at the residence with Victim 1. Victim 1 stated that Ely was mad that Victim 1 had friends over. Ely came into the house and started yelling at everyone present. Victim 1 said that Ely then pulled a gun and pointed it at her head and chest area. Victim 1 stated that Ely then kicked in the bathroom door where Victim 2 was present.

Victim 2 stated he was in the bathroom when Ely kicked in the door. Ely then started shoving and pushing him hard into the bathtub. Ely then put the gun to his head and said he was going to kill him. Victim 2 described the handgun as a black rounded top with a laser pointer or flashlight on it.

Ely then left and showed Witness 1 the gun in his waistband as he left.

Victim 1 and Victim 2 both articulated they were scared that Ely was going to hurt them.

Later on, deputies determined that Ely was at a separate residence in Blue Earth County. Ely was arrested.

Ely was convicted of 3rd degree assault on June 23, 2026.

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

Paul Barta
Captain
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2721

Electronically Signed:
11/12/2026 01:43 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:
11/12/2026 01:38 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 12, 2026.

Judicial Officer Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/12/2026 03:26 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.

Carter Jay 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: