

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113822
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3144

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

JOSE LUIS GARCIA JR DOB: 03/06/1997

32 3rd Street Ne
Madelia, MN 56062-1420

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: Attempted Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.17.1, 609.52.3(3)(a)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/10/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26021530

Charge Description: On or about July 10, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jose Luis Garcia Jr, did, intentionally and without claim of right, attempt to take, use, transfer, conceal or retain possession of the movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property and the value of the property or services stolen exceeded \$1,000.00.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On July 10, 2026, Officer Sokolov of the Mankato Department of Public Safety was dispatched to a report of a theft or attempted theft within the City of Mankato. Officer Sokolov made contact with Victim 1 via cell phone. Victim 1 reported that he received a notification on his doorbell camera and observed a vehicle in the driveway of his residence, with individuals attempting to steal his golf clubs.

Officer Sokolov spoke with Victim 1, who told him that Victim 1 had left some golf clubs out in his driveway near his house to dry out after they got wet from rain. Officer Sokolov noted that Victim 1's driveway stretches at least 100 feet from the road to the location of the golf clubs.

Victim 1 told Officer Sokolov that he observed one individual driving, Co-Defendant 1, and another individual, later identified as Jose Luis Garcia Jr. (DOB: 03/06/1997), exit the passenger side of the vehicle. Victim 1 told Officer Sokolov that he watched Co-Defendant 1 and Garcia take the golf clubs. Garcia opened the trunk of the vehicle and put the golf clubs in the trunk of the vehicle being driven by Co-Defendant 1. Victim 1 did not give Garcia or Co-Defendant 1 permission to be on his property or to take the golf clubs.

Victim 1 advised Officer Sokolov that he had been yelling at the individuals throughout the incident. After the golf clubs had been put into the trunk, Victim 1 yelled at Garcia and Co-Defendant 1 to put the golf clubs back. Victim 1 told them that they had been caught and that he was armed. After being told they had been caught and that Victim 1 had their license plate information, Garcia put the golf clubs back.

Officer Sokolov reviewed the doorbell video footage of the incident. The video footage appeared consistent with Victim 1's statements. Officer Sokolov also noted that after Garcia exits the vehicle he goes to the trunk first before going to look at the doorbell camera. After looking at the camera Garcia appears to communicate with Co-Defendant 1, who was still in the driver's seat of the vehicle, before grabbing the golf clubs and placing them in the vehicle.

Officer Sokolov received an image of the value of the golf clubs from Victim 1. The total value of the clubs was \$3,726.66.

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:
08/03/2026 12:30 PM
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:
08/03/2026 10:59 AM

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: August 3, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/03/2026 01:17 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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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: