

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070111255
Court File No. 07-CR-25-2875

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT LEE HECK III DOB: 11/22/1979

875 Heron Drive #312
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: Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(a)(1), with reference to: 152.025.4(b)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/22/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25020847

Charge Description: On or about July 22, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Robert Lee Heck, did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except a small amount of marijuana, and the mixture does not include any amount of a controlled substance in a fluid used in a water pipe, after having been previously convicted of a violation of Chapter 152.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On July 22, 2025, at approximately 6:20 PM, Ofc. Calleigh Cogswell with the Mankato Department of Public Safety, was dispatched to a store in the City of Mankato on a past occurred shoplifting. The complainant, Witness 1, who works with the store's loss prevention department, reported that Robert Lee Heck was in the store and had a recent shoplifting incident involving an electric bike.

Ofc. Cogswell responded to the store and spoke with Witness 1. Witness 1 reported that Heck had shoplifted from the store on July 12, 2025, and they had located him in the store on today's date.

Witness 1 and Ofc. Cogswell walked around the store and were able to locate Heck. Witness 1 and Ofc. Cogswell asked Heck to accompany them to the loss prevention office so they could speak with him about the previous shoplifting incident.

On their way back to the office, Ofc. Cogswell ran Heck's identification information and learned that Heck had multiple warrants for his arrest in the Blue Earth County. Ofc. Cogswell placed Heck under arrest and he was transported to the Blue Earth County jail.

Once at the jail, Heck and his backpack were searched by Ofc. Austin Cook. Ofc. Cook located a gray felt bag in Heck's backpack. Inside of the bag Ofc. Cook located a clear bubble pipe with burnt residue inside and a blue bag with a white crystalline substance inside. The substance would later test positive for the presence of methamphetamine and weigh approximately .14 g.

A check of Heck's criminal history reveals two prior convictions under Chapter 152. The latest such conviction can be found in Blue Earth County file 07-CR-23-1959 (an October 24, 2023 conviction for a Fifth Degree Controlled Substance Crime).

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:
07/23/2025 09:13 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

Prosecuting Attorney

Michael Hanson
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
07/23/2025 09:09 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: July 23, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Krista J Jass
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 07/23/2025 09:22 AM

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

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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: