

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113078  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1096

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**BRANDON MICHAEL PORTER DOB: 06/27/1987**

112 Cardinal Drive  
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

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**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: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol**

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.24.2

Maximum Sentence: 7 years or \$14,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26008086

Charge Description: On or about March 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Brandon Michael Porter, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol, and the violation was committed within ten years of the first of three or more qualified driving incidents or he/she has previously been convicted of felony D.W.I.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours**

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(5), with reference to: 169A.24.2

Maximum Sentence: 7 years or \$14,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26008086

Charge Description: On or about March 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Brandon Michael Porter, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when his/her alcohol concentration at the time, or as measured within two hours of the time, of driving, operating or being in physical control of the motor vehicle was 0.08 or more, and the violation was committed within ten years of the first of three or more qualified driving incidents or he/she has previously been convicted of felony D.W.I.

### COUNT III

**Charge: Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety**

Minnesota Statute: 171.24.5

Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26008086

Charge Description: On or about March 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Brandon Michael Porter did after being given notice, or reasonably should have known of the cancellation, disobeyed the order by operating in this state any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, while her/his license or privilege was canceled; and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has determined that the operation of a motor vehicle on the highways by the person would be inimical to the public safety or welfare.

### COUNT IV

**Charge: Drivers' Licenses-Driving restrictions-Drive/operate/control motor vehicle w/o ignition interlock.**

Minnesota Statute: 171.09.1(g)

Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26008086

Charge Description: On or about March 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Brandon Michael Porter, did, while holding a restricted license issued under section 171.306, drive, operate, or be in physical control of any motor vehicle that is not equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device certified by the commissioner.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 18, 2026, approximately 8:59 AM, Blue Earth County dispatch received multiple 911 calls reporting a vehicle fire in Mankato, Minnesota, Blue Earth County. It was reported that an SUV was actively on fire with visible flames coming from underneath the hood. One witness had reported that the driver of the vehicle that was on fire was attempting to reenter the vehicle and appeared intoxicated. It was also reported that the vehicle had struck a mailbox and entered a ditch prior to catching fire.

Officer Slattery arrived and observed the vehicle actively smoking. Officer Slattery made contact with the driver of the vehicle, who was later identified as Brandon Michael Porter (dob 06/27/1987). Officer Slattery immediately observed multiple signs of impairment including bloodshot glassy eyes, slurred speech, and unsteady gait. Porter admitted to having recently drank alcohol. Porter told Officer Slattery to just arrest him. Officer Slattery inquired why, and Porter stated that the vehicle he was driving was not equipped with ignition interlock which he is required to have.

Officer Slattery also learned that Porter's license is canceled as inimical to public safety.

Officer Slattery had Porter conduct standard field sobriety tests. Officer Slattery observed multiple signs of impairment. Officer Slattery administered a preliminary breath test which resulted in a .199 alcohol reading.

Porter was read the Minnesota breath test advisory and agreed to take a test. Sergeant Gagnon administered Porter the Data Master breath test which resulted in a .18 reading.

Multiple witnesses stated that Porter had crashed into a mailbox and continued driving.

Porter has four lifetime convictions for DWI including three in the past 10 years located in court file numbers 19HA-CR-15-4142, 52-CR-22-361, and 40-CR-23-297.

## 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**

Ken Baker  
Sergeant/Patrol Division  
710 S Front St  
Mankato, MN 56001-3803  
Badge: 3144

Electronically Signed:  
03/19/2026 09:38 AM  
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:  
03/19/2026 09:13 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: March 19, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**

Greg Anderson  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/19/2026 10:10 AM

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.

**Brandon Michael Porter**

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: