

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070111238
Court File No. 07-CR-25-2844

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JUSTIN LEE MROZ DOB: 08/11/1981

236 Hubbell Avenue
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: Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer

Minnesota Statute: 609.50.1(2), with reference to: 609.50.2(2)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 07/18/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25020553

Charge Description: On or about July 18, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Justin Lee Mroz did, intentionally, obstruct, resist, or interfere with a peace officer while the officer was engaged in the performance of official duties and the act was accompanied by force or violence or the threat thereof.

COUNT II

Charge: Disorderly Conduct - Offensive/Abusive/Boisterous/Noisy/Obscene

Minnesota Statute: 609.72.1(3)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 07/18/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25020553

Charge Description: On or about July 18, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Justin Lee Mroz did, in a public or private place, including on a school bus, knowing, or having reasonable grounds to know it will, or will tend to, alarm, anger or disturb others or provoke an assault or breach of the peace, engage in offensive, obscene, abusive, boisterous, or noisy conduct or in offensive, obscene, or abusive language tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger, or resentment in others.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Just before midnight on July 18, 2025, officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to a suspicious person report at Business 1 in the City of Mankato, Blue Earth County. Witness 1 reported a male there appeared to be “on drugs or something” and was alarming Witness 1. Officers made contact with the suspicious male, who appeared to be “screaming as loud as he could” while laying on the ground with his arms tucked inside the sleeves of his shirt, according to Officer John McGuire. Officers asked the male, later identified as Justin Lee Mroz (DOB: 08/11/1981), why he was lying on the ground and screaming. In response, the male swore at officers, called them names, and became increasingly agitated. Officer McGuire thought Mroz’s behavior was very unusual, taking into account McGuire’s law enforcement experience of more than 25 years, and to McGuire Mroz seemed impaired and potentially at risk of a medical emergency. To Officer Noah Christ, Mroz seemed intoxicated because Mroz was slurring his speech and acting belligerently and disrespectfully. Christ smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage on Mroz’s breath as Mroz spoke. Officers attempted to help Mroz off the ground at which point Mroz began to physically resist them, so officers placed Mroz against a nearby vehicle. As Officer Christ tried to place handcuffs on Mroz while Officer McGuire held and restrained Mroz, Mroz attempted to resist having handcuffs applied. Officer Christ reported Mroz pushed Mroz’s body away from the vehicle and thrashed Mroz’s body. Mroz then tried to spin his handcuffed arms and upper body as officers tried to conduct a pat down search of Mroz. During this search, Officer McGuire observed Mroz try to headbutt Officer Christ by snapping Mroz’s head backwards towards Officer Christ. Christ reported Mroz “thrashed his head at my head, as if he was going to try to headbutt me.” Mroz also tried to “mule kick” officers at this time. Despite a warning from Officer McGuire that if Mroz’s behavior continued, officers would have to “put [Mroz] on the ground,” Mroz became increasingly defiant verbally and continued Mroz’s physical resistance. Throughout Mroz’s interaction with officers, Mroz repeatedly told them, “fuck you,” and referred to them as “pussy,” “bitch,” “bitch ass,” and the N-word. Mroz was eventually transported to the Emergency Room where he was argumentative and uncooperative with hospital staff and had to be sedated.

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:
07/21/2025 10:40 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Christopher K Lowe
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
07/21/2025 10:20 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 21, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Krista J Jass
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 07/21/2025 10:43 AM

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 Order of Detention upon the Defendant herein named.

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: