

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114285
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4067

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM CHARLES SKAHAN DOB: 05/14/2006

83 Cottage Path
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: Giving Peace Officer False Name-of Another Person

Minnesota Statute: 609.506.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/26/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26031062

Charge Description: On or about September 26, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, William Charles Skahan did, with intent to obstruct justice, give the name and date of birth of another person to a peace officer when that officer makes inquiries incident to a lawful investigatory stop or lawful arrest, or inquiries incident to executing any other duty imposed by law.

COUNT II

Charge: Liquor-Consumption by persons under 21

Minnesota Statute: 340A.503.1(a)(2)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/26/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26031062

Charge Description: On or about September 26, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, William Charles Skahan did, while under the age of 21 years, consume an alcoholic beverage.

COUNT III

Charge: Liquor-Possession by Person Under 21

Minnesota Statute: 340A.503.3

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/26/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26031062

Charge Description: On or about September 26, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, William Charles Skahan did, while under the age of 21 years, possessed any alcoholic beverage with the intent to consume it at a place other than the household of the person's parent or guardian.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On September 26, 2026, Witness 1 from Business 1 located in Mankato, Minnesota within the County of Blue Earth reported to dispatch that he was going to have an ID checked but the male had walked away from the bar. Witness 1 advised that the male had left walking towards the 400 block of S. Front Street. Officer Brianna Wagner of the Mankato Department of Public Safety called Witness 1, and he confirmed the information provided. Law enforcement additionally learned that the individual was still in possession of the ID that Witness 1 was going to check.

Officer McCarville reviewed downtown camera footage and Officer Wagner and Officer Aaron Gelle a photo of the suspect. Officer McCarville advised that suspect was last scene entering into Business 2 with another male and they had not yet exited Business 2. Officer Gelle and Wagner entered Business 2 and located the pair of males sitting at the table. One of the males had 2 full bottles of Corona beer sitting in front of him, and the other male had 2 full drinks that appeared to be a type of liquor mixed with a cola beverage. Officer Wagner then approached and requested to see their ID's. The male with the 2 Corona's provided an Alberta Canada license identifying him as Liam Watkins DOB 07/13/2004. The other male with the 2 mixed drinks proved a New York license identifying him as Liam McLinskey (DOB 02/20/2001). The male that presented New York license was the male from the photograph Officer McCarville had sent. Officer Gelle asked the male what had happened at Business 1 earlier. He admitted that he was denied entry because the license he provided was fake. Officer Gelle then placed him into handcuffs and walked him out of the establishment. Officer Wagner reviewed the New York license, and it did not appear to be a fraudulent or fictitious license.

Liam Watkins asked Officer Wagner if they could go outside to where Officer Gelle was walking with the other male. Officer Wagner asked Watkins how old the other male was and he indicated to her that he believed his date of birth was in 2006 so he should be 20 years old. Officer Gelle placed Skahan into the back of Officer Wagners squad. Skahan then submitted a PBT which had a result of .164 BAC.

Officer Wagner then requested Dispatch to check both of the licenses. Dispatch confirmed both of them to be valid and the information on the physical license was the same as the information in NCIC. Officer Wagner then located the male's real MN license identifying him as William Skahan. (DOB 05/14/2006). Officer Wagner then inquired to Watkins about the drinks from Business 2. Watkins stated that he had purchased all four of the drinks for himself and Skahan. Watkins was placed under arrest. Skahan and Watkins were then transported to the jail. Skahan agreed to talk to Officer Wagner and indicated that the ID he provided was given to him from a friend he went to college with in Boston and that individual was friends with Liam McKlinskey.

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

Jesse Gilbertson
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3126

Electronically Signed:
09/28/2026 02:35 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Benjamin J Dolan
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
09/28/2026 01:51 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: September 28, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/28/2026 04:07 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.

William Charles Skahan

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: