

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113049
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1039

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

SARAH JEAN BALLUFF DOB: 08/13/1987

530 N 2nd Street
Mankato, MN 56001

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: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/12/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26007493

Charge Description: On or about March 12, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Sarah Jean Balluff, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

COUNT II

Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(1)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/12/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26007493

Charge Description: On or about March 12, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Sarah Jean Balluff, did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 13, 2026, officers the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched on report of a domestic incident at a location in Mankato, Minnesota, Blue Earth County. Victim 1 had called and reported that his roommate, Sarah Jean Balluff (dob 8/13/1987), had threatened to kill him.

Officers arrived and spoke with Victim 1. Victim 1 showed officers multiple internet posts that Balluff stated she wanted to kill Victim 1 and cut off his arms and/or legs. Victim 1 said the previous night, Balluff was screaming that she was going to kill Victim 1. Victim 1 indicated he was fearful of Victim 1 and did not feel safe in the residence with her. Victim 1 expressed concerns as he believed Victim 1 had a firearm.

Officers made contact with Balluff and arrested her. Balluff had a realistic BB gun in the residence. On her person, officers found a bubble pipe that was suspected drug paraphernalia.

Balluff agreed to speak with officers. Balluff stated she doesn't like Victim 1. Balluff stated she screwed up. Balluff said Victim 1 is messing with spirits and she thinks if he continues to mess around with the spirits he will get killed. Balluff said her internet posts were so Victim 1 knows what is going to occur to him if he continues to do what he does.

Balluff told Officer Slattery that she has a video that is important to the investigation. Officer Slattery allowed Balluff access to her phone. Balluff then tried showing Officer Slattery a YouTube video of an individual showing and discussing tarot cards.

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

Brent Gagnon
Police Officer
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3124

Electronically Signed:
03/16/2026 09:32 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:
03/16/2026 09:16 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 16, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/16/2026 09:44 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.

Sarah Jean Balluff

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: