

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070111957
Court File No. 07-CR-25-4941

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JACOB HOWARD SIEM DOB: 12/01/1983

204 S 2nd Street
Eagle Lake, MN 56024

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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: Possess Pornographic Work; Minor under 14

Minnesota Statute: 617.247.4(b)(3), with reference to: 617.247.4(b)

Maximum Sentence: 15 years or \$20,000 fine

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/01/2024 to 06/30/2025

Control #(ICR#): 24019925

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COUNT II

Charge: Possess Pornographic Work; Minor under 14

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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On November 26, 2024, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension sent a cybertip from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) to the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office. A cloud-based storage company reported a file containing child pornography to NCMEC. Image was classified as "Prepubescent Minor". A phone number including the numerals 7380 was linked to the image. A search warrant was served on a national wireless provider and identified the account and phone number as belonging to Jacob Howard Siem (12/01/1983). Siem's e-mail address with that provider started with "jakesiem33@". Siem's e-mail address was also on file with law enforcement.

The cloud-based storage company reported that a file name in Seim's account with more than seventy characters ending with 81f8f11621f91-463a82d198ba which contained a child pornography image file. The image file contains a video showing a pre-pubescent girl lying on her back with no pants on and her legs spread, exposing her bare vaginal area. The child is touching themselves during the video. The video lasts 2 minutes and 19 seconds. [Count 1] The video was downloaded onto Siem's account.

A Search Warrant for Seim's account revealed an additional video file that included a prepubescent minor:

Filename: 20231129-172125.mp4

File Description: This file contains a video of a young pre-pubescent girl who has no pants on and is facing away from the camera. She is wearing a white tank top. During the video, she is bent over and takes both of her hands and pulls apart her buttocks, exposing her anus and vagina. This young girl then rubs her right hand, specifically her right ring finger, over her vagina and anus while looking back at the camera.

[Count 2]

On December 23, 2024, Deputy Welle interviewed Siem. Siem was advised of his Miranda rights and indicated he was willing to answer the investigator's questions. Siem stated

- He hasn't tried to find child pornography
- Nobody else uses his phone unless he is there with them
- Nobody else to his knowledge has access to his account
- He has had several phones go missing over the years

Siem also told Deputy Welle that he "doesn't know what to tell us."

On September 30, 2025, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension completed an examination of Siem's hard drive. The results of a Forensic Explorer Protection keyword search located multiple keyword matches that have been identified with child pornography related cases, including Lolita (80 matches); Incest (34); and at least three or more hits on "hairless", "school porn" and "daddy fuck".

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

Paul Barta
Captain
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2721

Electronically Signed:
12/08/2025 07:17 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
12/05/2025 10:06 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.

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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: December 8, 2025.

Judicial Officer Krista J Jass
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 12/08/2025 08:49 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.

Jacob Howard Siem

Defendant

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this
Summons upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: