

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070111253
Court File No. 07-CR-25-2877

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KENNETH EUGENE GIMMER JR DOB: 01/18/1964

2517 E Main Street
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: Domestic Assault - By Strangulation

Minnesota Statute: 609.2247.2

Maximum Sentence: 3 years or \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/21/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25020770

Charge Description: On or about July 21, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Kenneth Eugene Gimmer Jr did assault a family or household member by strangulation.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the evening on July 21, 2025, officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a residence in Blue Earth County following a report someone had been pushed down the stairs. The complainant advised the individuals involved were Kenneth Eugene Gimmer (DOB: 01/18/1964) and Gimmer's daughter, Victim 1. Following the incident, Victim 1 went to Witness 1's residence, and Officer Brianna Wagner spoke to Witness 1 there. Witness 1 said Witness 1 observed Gimmer on top of Victim 1 and Victim 1 trying to get Gimmer off Victim 1. Victim 1 told Officer Maxwell Strong Victim 1 had video footage of the incident with Gimmer, which Officer Wagner reviewed. Officer Wagner reported the following about the first video Wagner reviewed: It started when the altercation between Gimmer and Victim 1 appeared to be well underway. Gimmer and Victim 1 were on the front porch of Victim 1's residence in Blue Earth County, yelling at each other and making dramatic arm gestures. Victim 1 was standing with Victim 1's back to a corner of the porch, and Gimmer was standing in front of the door to Victim 1's residence, closer to the porch's exit. Gimmer grabbed Victim 1 by both of Victim 1's upper arms and forcefully pushed Victim 1 backwards all the way across the porch deck into the railing and then further still so Victim 1 was leaned slightly back over the railing. Witness 2 tried to separate Gimmer and Victim 1. Gimmer moved Gimmer's hold from Victim 1's arms to a chokehold, with Gimmer's bicep and forearm around Victim 1's neck as Gimmer held Victim 1 at Gimmer's side. After separating briefly, Gimmer put Victim 1 in another chokehold, took a step back, off the porch and onto the stairs, falling backward while holding Victim 1 in a chokehold. Victim 1 fell on top of Gimmer and got pulled further down the stairs as Gimmer fell and did not let go of Victim 1. Victim 1 told Officer Wagner Victim 1 had difficulty breathing when Gimmer put Victim 1 in a chokehold. Gimmer admitted to putting Victim 1 in a headlock.

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:
07/23/2025 09:47 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:
07/23/2025 09:37 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 23, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Krista J Jass
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 07/23/2025 10:25 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: