

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112359
Court File No. 07-CR-25-4965

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

ASHLEY LYNN PACE DOB: 05/30/2002

625 S Front Street #3
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: Endanger Child-Situation Could Cause Harm or Death-G

Minnesota Statute: 609.378.1(b)(1), with reference to: 609.378.1(b)(2)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 12/06/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25034902

Charge Description: On or about December 6, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ashley Lynn Pace did, as a parent, legal guardian, or caretaker, intentionally cause or permit a child to be placed in a situation likely to substantially harm the child's physical, mental, or emotional health or cause the child's death.

COUNT II

Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(2)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 12/06/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25034902

Charge Description: On or about December 6, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ashley Lynn Pace, did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflict or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the afternoon on December 6, 2025, Officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to a residence in Blue Earth County following a report of a domestic disturbance. Victim 1 told officers Ashley Lynn Pace (DOB: 05/30/2002) hit Victim 1 in the face and scratched Victim 1's neck while Victim 1 was holding Victim 1's one-year-old daughter who Victim 1 has in common with Pace. Pace admitted hitting Victim 1 and scratching Victim 1's neck while Victim 1 was holding the child. Pace acknowledged Victim 1 could have dropped the child as a result of Pace's assaultive conduct, which put the child in danger.

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:
12/08/2025 01:14 PM
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:
12/08/2025 01:02 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: December 8, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Krista J Jass
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 12/08/2025 01:55 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.

Ashley Lynn Pace

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: