

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

0070114232
07-CR-26-3947

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL RAY EVANS DOB: 08/14/1987

124 Sunnyland Drive
Newnan, GA 30265

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: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.26.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/19/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26030176

Charge Description: On or about September 19, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Michael Ray Evans, did drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed.

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(5), with reference to: 169A.26.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/19/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26030176

Charge Description: On or about September 19, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Michael Ray Evans, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when his/her alcohol concentration at the time, or as measured within two hours of the time, of driving, operating or being in physical control of the motor vehicle was 0.08 or more, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed.

COUNT III

Charge: Carry/Possess Pistol w/out Permit - Public Place - Gross Misdemeanor; Second or Subsequent - Felony-G

Minnesota Statute: 624.714.1a

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/19/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26030176

Charge Description: On or about September 19, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Michael Ray Evans did, carry, hold or possess a pistol in a motor vehicle, snowmobile, or boat or on or about the person's clothes or the person or was otherwise in possession or control in a public place, as defined in section 624.7181, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), without first having obtained a permit to carry the pistol.

COUNT IV

Charge: Carrying Pistol While Under Influence of Alcohol-Concentration 0.10 or more

Minnesota Statute: 624.7142.1(5), with reference to: 624.7142.6(a)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/19/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26030176

Charge Description: On or about September 19, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Michael Ray Evans did carry a pistol on or about the person's clothes or person in a public place, as defined in section 624.7181, subdivision 1, when the person's alcohol concentration is 0.10 or more.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

At approximately 1:44 a.m. on September 19, 2026, in the City of Mankato, Officer Meyer from the Mankato Department of Public Safety was downtown on foot patrol when he observed a male stumbling and staggering before attempting to get into the driver's seat of a vehicle. Officers Johnson and Gelle also observed the male. The male was having difficulty standing and leaned on the vehicle for assistance. After the male got into the driver's seat, Officer Meyer saw the brake lights illuminate and heard the vehicle start. Meyer had seen the same male earlier in the night stumble into a building before regaining his balance.

Meyer noticed the vehicle was missing a front license plate and was parked in a handicap parking spot without the required permit displayed. Meyer approached the vehicle and made contact with the male in the driver's seat, identified as Michael Ray Evans (DOB: 08/14/1987). Evans told Meyer that Evans was not going to drive because he should not be driving. Meyer noted a strong odor of a consumed alcoholic beverage emanating from Evans, who initially admitted having one shot of Jameson. Evans' speech was slurred, and his eyes were bloodshot, watery, and glassy. Meyer asked Evans to perform Standardized Field Sobriety Testing. During the testing, Evans said he was not going to pass and was not going to drive because of his intoxication.

When Evans did the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test, Meyer observed six clues of impairment. Meyer observed six clues of impairment during the Walk-and-Turn test. Evans was unable to perform the One-leg-stand test because of his intoxication. Evans submitted to a preliminary breath test, which returned a result of .18 alcohol concentration.

Evans was placed under arrest. Officer Christianson subsequently observed a firearm near the center console of Evans' vehicle. Reportedly, Evans does not have a permit to carry a firearm.

At the Blue Earth County Jail, Meyer read Evans the Minnesota Breath Test Advisory. After Evans had an opportunity to consult with an attorney, and following completion of a 15-minute observation period, Evans provided a DataMaster breath sample at approximately 3:44 a.m. that reported a value of .18 alcohol concentration.

After receiving a Miranda warning, Evans agreed to make a statement to Meyer. Evans then admitted to drinking one shot of Jameson, one shot of Don Julio tequila, and one beer.

Though Evans said he did not feel any effect from consuming alcohol, he acknowledged the alcohol impacted his ability to drive.

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

Matthew Huettl
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3142

Electronically Signed:
09/21/2026 02:09 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:
09/21/2026 01:16 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 21, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/21/2026 02:16 PM

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: