

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070111925  
Court File No. 07-CR-25-4224

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**MATTHEW JOHN GROTHE DOB: 01/16/1992**

928 Point Pleasant Road  
Madison Lake, MN 56063

Defendant.

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**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: Giving Peace Officer False Name-of Another Person**

Minnesota Statute: 609.506.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/19/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25030161

Charge Description: On or about October 19, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Matthew John Grothe did, with intent to obstruct justice, give the name and date of birth of another person to a peace officer when that officer makes inquiries incident to a lawful investigatory stop or lawful arrest, or inquiries incident to executing any other duty imposed by law.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Traffic - Drivers License - Driving After Revocation**

Minnesota Statute: 171.24.2(a)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/19/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25030161

Charge Description: On or about October 19, 2025 at 5:24 PM, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Matthew John Grothe did after being given notice, or reasonably should have known of the revocation, disobeyed the order by operating in this state any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, while her/his license or privilege was revoked.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 19, 2025, at approximately 4:59 pm, Commander Sam McGinnis was on a routine patrol when he observed a vehicle on Highway 14 approaching the Southbound ramp for Highway 169. He observed the vehicle bearing Minnesota license plate KNE-422, which was displaying September 2025 registration. A records check confirmed the vehicle's registration was expired. Commander McGinnis then initiated a traffic stop and made contact with the driver who was identified as Derrick Hoehn. A male passenger immediately requested to go inside the store. The passenger displayed signs of nervousness. He was sweating and agitated. Commander McGinnis asked the passenger to identify himself and he provided the name and birth date that was later learned not to be his actual name and date of birth. Hoehn was issued a citation for driving behavior and released. The passenger never returned to the vehicle.

Commander McGinnis was able to eventually identify the passenger as Matthew John Grothe and he learned Grothe's driving privileges were revoked and he had an active warrant out of Brown County.

At 5:23 PM, Commander McGinnis observed the same vehicle now being driven by Grothe. A traffic stop was initiated. Commander McGinnis searched the vehicle and discovered a glass bubble pipe and two plastic baggies with a crystalline substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed over 5 grams. Hoehn admitted ownership of the items. Also found was a second glasses case also containing a used bubble pipe, additional bubble pipe, additional used glass bubble pipes, one gem-style baggie with suspected methamphetamine, and other miscellaneous non-controlled pharmaceuticals.

## 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:  
10/20/2025 04:43 PM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Benjamin J Dolan  
Assistant County Attorney  
401 Carver Road  
PO Box 3129  
Mankato, MN 56002  
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:  
10/20/2025 03:43 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: October 21, 2025.

**Judicial Officer**

Mark Betters  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/21/2025 09:50 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.

**Matthew John Grothe**

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: