

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114027
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3471

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SYPANE SOBANHDITH DOB: 10/17/1977

110 Meadow Bloom Lane #110
Amboy, MN 56065

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Warrant

☒ Amended

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 Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence

Minnesota Statute: 624.713.1(2), with reference to: 624.713.2(b), 609.11.5(b)

Maximum Sentence: 15 Years or \$30,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/20/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26001418

Charge Description: On or about August 20, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Sypane Sobanhdith, after having been convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent or convicted as an extended jurisdiction Defendant for committing, in this state or elsewhere, a crime of violence, did possess a firearm or ammunition.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 16, 2026, Officer Hinderscheit of the Mapleton Police Department was conducting follow-up regarding a sexual assault complaint. Witness 1 told Officer Hinderscheit that Sypane Sobanhdith (DOB: 10/17/1977) had a stolen .380 firearm at his residence kept in the center console of his couch.

Sobanhdith is prohibited from possessing firearms based on a 2008 federal felony conviction for Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana, for which he served 26 months in federal custody. The disposition record states: "SHALL NOT POSS F/A, AMMO, DANGEROUS WEAPON."

During the investigation, Sobanhdith spoke with Chief Honsey. Sobanhdith stated that his prior federal conviction involved the possession of 20,000 lbs. of marijuana and 5 million ecstasy pills.

On August 19, 2026, Officer Hinderscheit applied for and obtained a search warrant for Sobanhdith's residence, signed by the Honorable Andrea Lieser.

On August 20, 2026, Chief Honsey, Deputy Hagen, and Officer Hinderscheit executed the search warrant. Chief Honsey asked Sobanhdith whether he had any firearms other than a pellet gun that Chief Honsey already knew about. Sobanhdith confirmed there was a firearm in the other room. Sobanhdith also stated that his civil rights were never restored from the 2008 federal conviction. Sobanhdith stated he obtained the firearm from a now-deceased woman he had cared for before her death.

On August 18, 2026 Chief Honsey had executed a prior search warrant on the home related to a sexual assault investigation. At that time, Chief Honsey asked Sobanhdith whether he had any firearms and Sobanhdith denied having firearms in the residence, other than a pellet gun.

Officer Hinderscheit recovered a loaded silver .380 bearing in the center console of the couch.

Sobanhdith attempted to self-deport on August 19, 2026 by driving to the Twin Cities to turn himself in at an ICE office. The office was closed at the time and Sobanhdith planned to return on August 20.

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

Joyce Baker
Police Officer
104 2nd Ave NE
PO Box 342
Mapleton, MN 56065
Badge: 4874

Electronically Signed:
09/17/2026 01:34 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

John L.V. Brooks
Assistant Blue Earth County
Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
09/17/2026 09:50 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: September 18, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Susan DeVos

Electronically Signed: 09/18/2026 09:21 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.

Sypane Sobanhdith

Defendant

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

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: