

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112626
Court File No. 07-CR-26-462

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SHENICKA LASHAWN SANFORD DOB: 10/02/1991

6100 Summit Drive #202
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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: Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.52.3(3)

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 12/11/2025

Control #(ICR#): 26000475

Charge Description: On or about December 11, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Shenicka Lashawn Sanford, did, intentionally and without claim of right take, use, transfer, conceal or retain possession of the movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property and the value of the property or services stolen exceeded \$1,000.00.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On December 11, 2025, a theft occurred at Business 1 located in Mankato, MN within the County of Blue Earth. The complainant Asset Protection Coordinator for Business 1 reported that Witness 1 notified Asset Protection Coordinator of the incident. Asset Protection Coordinator then utilized CCTV and observed that on December 11, 2025, three females stole \$1,453.37 of merchandise from Business 1. Asset Protection Coordinator recognized the three females from previous thefts and identified them as Teresa Morrow (DOB: 12/8/1990), Lashay Martin (DOB:5/7/1992) and Shenicka Sanford (DOB: 10/2/1991). Martin had a previous theft earlier in 2025 from Business 1. Sanford has had several previous incidents with loss prevention. Morrow was identified through facial recognition.

Officer Bohdan Sokolov of Mankato Department of Public Safety was dispatched regarding the theft that occurred at Business 1. He then contacted Asset Protection Coordinator of Business 1. Officer Sokolov then reviewed CCTV footage from Business 1 and observed multiple interactions between Martin, Sanford, and Morrow. Martin and Morrow are seen entering the store together and Morrow and Sanford are seen leaving the store together. It was observed that all three suspects passed all points of sale with merchandise without attempting to purchase and/or forfeit the unpaid merchandise. Morrow with \$325.83 of merchandise, Sanford with \$591.73 of merchandise and Martin with \$536.16 of merchandise totaling the previously mentioned amount of \$1,453.37.

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:
02/04/2026 08:35 AM
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:
02/04/2026 07:52 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: February 4, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 02/04/2026 10:48 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

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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
Summons upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: