

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112845
Court File No. 07-CR-26-639

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MILKA CHEMUTAI DOB: 02/03/1999

468 Tanager Path
Mankato, MN 56001

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 - Refuse to submit to chemical test; Breath or test refusal or failure

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.2(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): 02/15/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26003033

Charge Description: On or about February 15, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Milka Chemutaidid, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle and the Defendant refused to submit to a chemical test of the person's breath upon the request of a peace officer who had probable cause to believe the person to be tested was under the influence.

COUNT II

Charge: Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer

Minnesota Statute: 609.50.1(2), with reference to: 609.50.2(2)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/15/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26003033

Charge Description: On or about February 15, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Milka Chemutai did, intentionally, obstruct, resist, or interfere with a peace officer while the officer was engaged in the performance of official duties and the act was accompanied by force or violence or the threat thereof.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Around 2:47 a.m. on February 15, 2026, Deputy Schnorenberg from the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office was stationary in the City of Mankato when he observed a vehicle that appeared to be traveling in excess of the speed limit. Deputy Schnorenberg determined the vehicle was traveling 50 mph in a 40-mph zone. After Schnorenberg observed the vehicle cross into northbound traffic while traveling southbound, driving over the curb and briefly onto the boulevard on the east side of the road, Schnorenberg activated his emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop.

When Schnorenberg made contact with the driver, he immediately detected an overwhelming odor of a consumed alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. Schnorenberg identified the driver as Milka Chemutai (DOB: 02/03/1999) and saw her eyes were bloodshot, glassy, and watery. Chemutai's speech seemed to be slurred. Schnorenberg asked Chemutai to perform Standardized Field Sobriety Testing.

During the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test, Schnorenberg observed all six validated clues of impairment. During the Walk-and-turn test, Schnorenberg observed all eight validated clues of impairment. Schnorenberg observed all four validated clues of impairment during the One-leg-stand test. Chemutai refused to submit a preliminary breath sample. Schnorenberg advised Chemutai she was under arrest for Driving While Impaired.

Schnorenberg told Chemutai to place her hands in front of her body and Chemutai placed them behind herself instead, asking Schnorenberg, "can you tell me why?" When Schnorenberg took hold of Chemutai's wrist and removed his handcuffs from his vest, Chemutai said, "no!" and rotated her torso back toward Schnorenberg, pulling her arms away from Schnorenberg's grasp. Although Schnorenberg told Chemutai multiple times to "stop," and "put your hands behind your back," reminding Chemutai that she was under arrest, Chemutai continued physically resisting Schnorenberg's efforts.

When Schnorenberg used his body to pin Chemutai against the side of Schnorenberg's squad car, Chemutai continued to pull her torso and arms away from Schnorenberg and tried to sidestep out of Schnorenberg's control. With the assistance of other officers, Schnorenberg was able to place handcuffs on Chemutai's wrists. Chemutai admitted to consuming multiple alcoholic beverages the prior afternoon once Schnorenberg and Chemutai were both in a squad car.

At the Blue Earth County Jail, Schnorenberg read Chemutai the Minnesota Breath Test Advisory at about 3:36 a.m.

Chemutai refused to take a breath test.

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

Christopher Arkell
Deputy Sheriff
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2708

Electronically Signed:
02/18/2026 09:56 AM
Blue Earth County,

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:
02/18/2026 08:32 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 18, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Timothy J. Looby
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 02/18/2026 10:18 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.

Milka Chemutai

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: