

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112604
Court File No. 07-CR-26-564

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

THOMAS JOE CHAVEZ DOB: 08/15/1967

209 Dewey Lane #201
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

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: Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess 10 grams or more a narcotic drug other than heroin or fentanyl

Minnesota Statute: 152.023.2(a)(1)

Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$250,000, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/09/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26000938

Charge Description: On or about January 9, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Thomas Joe Chavez did on one or more occasions within a 90-day period unlawfully possess one or more mixtures of a total weight of ten grams or more containing a narcotic drug other than heroin or fentanyl.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On January 9, 2026, Officer Koss of the Mankato Department of Public Safety observed Thomas Joe Chavez (DOB 08/15/1967) outside an apartment complex. Officer Koss learned that Chavez had a warrant for his arrest.

Officer Koss made contact with Chavez. Chavez was arrested. On his person, Officer Koss found approximately 11.96 grams of a white crystal substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Chavez was taken to the jail. The jail would not accept Chavez because of concerns about detoxication. Officer Koss attempted to secure a detoxification center placement, but none of the centers could take Chavez. Chavez was eventually released to the hospital.

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

Adam Gray
Operations Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3117

Electronically Signed:
02/11/2026 03:34 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Taylor Fast
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
02/11/2026 10:13 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 11, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 02/11/2026 03:48 PM

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.

Thomas Joe Chavez

Defendant

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: