

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113050
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1050

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

SALVITORE EMERSON CLAY DOB: 03/16/1999

300 Homestead Road
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 - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(a)(1), with reference to: 152.025.4(a)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26007692

Charge Description: On or about March 14, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Salvitore Emerson Clay, did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except heroin or except cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products or a residual amount of one or more mixtures of controlled substances contained in drug paraphernalia, and the mixture does not include any amount of a controlled substance in a fluid used in a water pipe, and the weight of the substance is less than .25 grams or one dosage unit or less and the person has not been previously convicted of a violation of Chapter 152.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 14, 2026, Officer Strong of the Mankato Department of Public Safety initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle that was located in Blue Earth County. The vehicle's owner was ID only.

Officer Strong made contact with the driver who he recognized and knew did not have a valid license. Officer Strong also observed the passenger to be Salvatore Emerson Clay.

Officer Strong established probable cause to search the vehicle. By Clay, Officer Strong found a prescription bottle with two pills that are suspected to be MDMA (Schedule 1 controlled substance).

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

Brent Gagnon
Police Officer
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3124

Electronically Signed:
03/16/2026 10:36 AM
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:
03/16/2026 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: March 16, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/16/2026 10:53 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.

Salvitore Emerson Clay

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: