

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114220
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4137

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

Summons

vs.

NEAL JOHN RUSCHY DOB: 09/06/1978

1356 450th Avenue
Estherville, IA 51334

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 II

Charge: Prostitution - Patron - Hires, offers, or agrees to hire to engage in prostitution w/ 18 or older

Minnesota Statute: 609.324.2(a)(2)

Maximum Sentence: 364 days jail and, minimum of \$1,500 and up to \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 07/22/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26022912

Charge Description: On or about July 22, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Neal John Ruschy, did, while acting as a patron, intentionally hire, offer to hire, or agree to hire an individual 18 years of age or older to engage in sexual penetration or sexual contact.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the afternoon on July 22, 2026, Officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to Business 1, a hotel in the City of Mankato, Blue Earth County, following a report of a possible overdose.

At Business 1 police made contact with Witness 1 inside a hotel room. Witness 2 was experiencing a medical event and was non-responsive. Witness 1 said she and Witness 2, a female, arrived to Business 1 that day. Witness 1 told police Witness 2 had taken something in the bathroom.

Officer Johnson noticed a male standing nearby who asked if there would be more help arriving for Witness 2. Initially the male told Officer Johnson the male had just stopped by the room to see what was going on, did "not necessarily" know Witness 1 and Witness 2, and was not staying at Business 1.

When Witness 1 began answering questions directed at the male, Officer Johnson stepped away from the room and asked the male to speak with him.

The male was identified as Neal John Ruschy (DOB: 09/06/1978). Ruschy told Officer Johnson the following: Ruschy was in the process of meeting Witness 1 and Witness 2 to see if they could work something out. Ruschy paid for the room at Business 1 and the room was in Ruschy's name. Ruschy met Witness 1 and Witness 2 on the internet. Witness 1 and Witness 2 arrived to meet Ruschy at Business 1 that day and Ruschy intended to compensate them for "time and affection."

Ruschy later acknowledged that he had engaged in sexual acts with Witness 1 and Witness 2 and believed he paid them \$3,000.00 to compensate them. Ruschy said on July 22, 2026, Ruschy received oral sex from Witness 1 and Witness 2 in exchange for money. Ruschy said he gave the cash to Witness 1.

In a subsequent statement to Agent Nelson after a Miranda warning, Ruschy said he gave Witness 1 and Witness 2 cash in the amount of \$3,000.00 or \$4,000.00 to compensate them. Ruschy said he and Witness 1 performed oral sex on each other and Ruschy had vaginal sex with Witness 1 and Witness 2.

Ruschy said he met Witness 1 and Witness 2 on another occasion as well in which Ruschy paid Witness 1 and Witness 2 in the amount of \$2,000.00 or \$3,000.00 for oral and vaginal sex.

Behind the bed's headboard in the hotel room, Sergeant Gilbertson found a purse with a large amount of cash in \$100 denominations. Also inside the purse was a small gem baggie with a white powder residue. Police later determined the cash amount was \$3,000.00 and belonged to Witness 1.

Police confirmed with hotel staff that Ruschy had rented the hotel room where he, Witness 1, and Witness 2 were when police arrived.

Ruschy consented to a search of the hotel room and Ruschy's vehicle. On the front passenger seat, there was a brown paper bag with a plastic grocery bag inside it. Inside the grocery bag were a used condom, unused condoms, and K-Y Jelly lubricant.

Ambulance and fire department staff were able to get Witness 2 responsive. Witness 2 admitted to having used cocaine.

Witness 1 told Agent Fischbach that she and Ruschy have met at least three times and Ruschy always pays Witness 1 and Witness 2. Witness 1 said Ruschy and Witness 1 have sex when they meet, but the payment is not always for sex.

Witness 1 said Ruschy picked the place to meet on July 22, 2026, gave Witness 1 cash in the amount of \$3,000.00, and Witness 1 and Witness 2 had sex with Ruschy.

When Witness 2 learned from police the \$3,000.00 had been seized, Witness 2 said, "half of that was supposed to be mine."

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:
10/01/2026 04:57 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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:
10/01/2026 02:56 PM

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: October 2, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/02/2026 08:49 AM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
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: