

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114330
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4139

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

COLE MICHAEL HABINGER DOB: 07/15/1992

800 S Front Street
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: Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess - Methamphet/Amphetamine in School/Park/Pub Housing Zone

Minnesota Statute: 152.023.2(a)(6), with reference to: 152.023.3(a)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/02/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26031593

Charge Description: On or about October 2, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Cole Michael Habinger did unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures containing methamphetamine or amphetamine in a school zone, a park zone, a public housing zone, or a drug treatment facility.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 2nd, 2026, Officer Strong of the Mankato Department of Public Safety was on patrol in the downtown area of the City of Mankato. Officer Strong observed Cole Michael Habinger (DOB: 07/15/1992). Officer Strong recognized Habinger from prior interactions. Habinger had an active probation violation warrant out of Watonwan County 83-CR-25-556.

Officer Strong made contact with Habinger who was standing next to a black backpack and an open can of alcohol. Habinger was placed under arrest. During a search of Habinger's backpack, Officer Strong located a headphone case that had a glass bubble pipe inside of it. The glass bubble pipe contained a burnt white residue, which field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Officer Strong spoke with Witness 1 who was standing with Habinger. Witness 1 confirmed the backpack was Habinger's backpack.

Officer Strong noted that Habinger was located within a park zone as defined by Minn. Stat. § 152.01, Subd. 12a and Mankato City Code, as Habinger was standing in the Jackson Park drug enforcement zone.

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

Matthew Huettl
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3142

Electronically Signed:
10/02/2026 10:13 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Benjamin R. Chapman
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
10/02/2026 10:04 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: October 2, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/02/2026 10:33 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.

Cole Michael Habinger

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: