

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114236
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3950

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JONATHAN ALBERTO FRANCO DOB: 03/25/2004

195 3rd Street Ne
Wells, MN 56097

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: Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Throws/transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto officer

Minnesota Statute: 609.2231.1(c)(2)

Maximum Sentence: 3 years or \$6,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/19/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26030267

Charge Description: On or about September 19, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jonathan Alberto Franco did intentionally throw or otherwise transfer bodily fluids at or onto a peace officer licensed under state law who was effecting a lawful arrest or executing any other duty imposed by law.

COUNT II

Charge: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/19/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26030267

Charge Description: On or about September 19, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jonathan Alberto Franco, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

COUNT III

Charge: Assault-5th Degree-Fear of Bodily Harm or Death

Minnesota Statute: 609.224.1(1)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/19/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26030267

Charge Description: On or about September 19, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jonathan Alberto Franco, did commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the evening on September 19, 2026, Witness 1 contacted Blue Earth County Dispatch to report Jonathan Alberto Franco (DOB: 03/25/2004) threatened Victim 1 at Location 1 in Blue Earth County. A Ring camera outside Location 1 captured an interaction between Franco and Victim 1. Officer Wright from the Mankato Department of Public Safety reviewed the recording and heard Franco say to Victim 1, "Donovan told me to kill your bitch ass" and "I'll kill your bitch ass."

Victim 1 told Officer Wright that Franco was trying to attack Victim 1 and tried to fight Victim 1, but Witness 1 prevented it. Victim 1 said Franco's threats scared Victim 1. Victim 1 said Franco threatened Victim 1 with "all his people" and told Victim 1 to carry a weapon because Franco was going to kill Victim 1.

When Officers located Franco, they placed him under arrest. When they tried to escort Franco to a squad car, Franco resisted by planting his feet and trying to break free. Franco told Officer Gelle, "I'm going to hit you." After Officers were able to get Franco in the back of a squad car, Franco spit at Officer Gelle, who was in the back of the squad car as well at the time. Gelle was able to get out of the squad car and close the door in time, but Franco's spit landed on the window directly in front of Gelle, who reported the spit undoubtedly would have landed on Gelle's face or upper chest otherwise.

While Officer Coutier transported Franco to the Blue Earth County Jail, Franco repeatedly spit in the backseat of the squad car.

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

Jacob Price
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3137

Electronically Signed:
09/21/2026 02:38 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:
09/21/2026 02:18 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: September 21, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/21/2026 02:45 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

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Jonathan Alberto Franco

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: