

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113950
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3264

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL PAUL SCHUGEL DOB: 11/05/1984

2108 Turpin Street #2
St Peter, MN 56082

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: Domestic Assault-Felony

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.4

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/09/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26025155

Charge Description: On or about August 9, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Michael Paul Schugel did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflicted or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another and has two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency within ten years following discharge from sentence or disposition for that offense.

COUNT II

Charge: Domestic Assault-Felony

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.4

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/09/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26025155

Charge Description: On or about August 9, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Michael Paul Schugel did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death and has two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency within ten years following discharge from sentence or disposition for that offense.

COUNT III

Charge: Violate No Contact Order - Within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions

Minnesota Statute: 629.75.2(d)(1)

Maximum Sentence: 30 days to 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/09/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26025155

Charge Description: On or about August 9, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Michael Paul Schugel did violate a Domestic Abuse No-Contact Order and the respondent or person to be restrained knew of the existence of the order and the violation within ten years of the first of two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency.

COUNT IV

Charge: Domestic Assault - By Strangulation

Minnesota Statute: 609.2247.2

Maximum Sentence: 3 years or \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/09/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26025155

Charge Description: On or about August 9, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Michael Paul Schugel did assault a family or household member by strangulation.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On November 10, 2025, a District Court Judge issued a domestic abuse no contact order that prohibited Michael Paul Schugel, dob 11/5/1984, from having any contact with Victim 1. The order was served on Schugel and remains in effect.

On August 9, 2026, officers of the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a residence in Mankato, Minnesota, Blue Earth County, on report of a domestic incident. Specifically, Victim 1 called 911. Dispatch could hear muffled screaming and various comments.

Officers arrived and made contact with Victim 1. Victim 1 stated that Schugel was at her house and had just left and went to his mother's house. Victim 1 stated that Schugel showed up yesterday and everything was going fine until today. Victim 1 stated that Schugel wanted to smoke methamphetamine Victim 1 did not want to. Schugel then became irate and grabbed the lanyard that was hanging around Victim 1's neck. Schugel then put both his hands on Victim 1's shoulders and threw her to the ground forcefully. Schugel then put his arm around her neck and placed Victim 1 into a headlock. During this, Schugel stated that if he was going to go to jail he might as well make it worth it. Victim 1 stated that she was struggling to breathe during the incident.

Officers observed injuries on Victim 1, including redness on her neck and to the left side of her face.

Officers located Schugel and arrested him.

Schugel has previous qualified domestic violence related offense convictions including two harassments in 2021 in court file numbers 07-CR-19-4061 and 07-CR-19-4995.

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

Jesse Gilbertson
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3126

Electronically Signed:
08/10/2026 02:03 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:
08/10/2026 01:57 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: August 10, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Bradley C Walker
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/10/2026 03:46 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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Michael Paul Schugel

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: