

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112953
Court File No. 07-CR-26-848

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ERIC EVERETT THORSLAND DOB: 08/05/1975

101 Glenwood Avenue #303
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: Burglary-1st Deg-Dwelling-Occupied-Non-Accomplice Present

Minnesota Statute: 609.582.1(a)

Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$35,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/01/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26006302

Charge Description: On or about March 1, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Eric Everett Thorsland did enter a building without consent and with intent to commit a crime, or entered a building without consent and committed a crime while in the building, either directly or as an accomplice and the building is a dwelling and another person, not an accomplice, is present in it when the burglar enters or at any time while the burglar is in the building.

COUNT II

Charge: Damage to Property-4th Deg-Intentional Damage-Other Circumstances

Minnesota Statute: 609.595.3

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/01/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26006302

Charge Description: On or about March 1, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Eric Everett Thorsland did intentionally cause damage to another person's physical property without the other person's consent.

COUNT III

Charge: False Fire Alarms/Tamper w/Fire Alarm System

Minnesota Statute: 609.686.1

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/01/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26006302

Charge Description: On or about March 1, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Eric Everett Thorsland did, intentionally give a false alarm of fire, or unlawfully tamper or interfere with any fire alarm system, fire protection device, or the station or signal box of any fire alarm system or any auxiliary fire appliance, or unlawfully break, injure, deface, or remove any such system, device, box or station, or unlawfully break, injure, destroy, disable, render inoperable, or disturb any of the wires, poles, or other supports and appliances connected with or forming a part of any fire alarm system or fire protection device or any auxiliary fire appliance.

COUNT IV

Charge: Dangerous Weapons-Metal Knuckles/Switch Blade

Minnesota Statute: 609.66.1(a)(4)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/01/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26006302

Charge Description: On or about March 1, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Eric Everett Thorsland did manufacture, transfer, or possess metal knuckles or a switch blade knife opening automatically.

COUNT V

Charge: Disorderly Conduct - Offensive/Abusive/Boisterous/Noisy/Obscene

Minnesota Statute: 609.72.1(3)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/01/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26006302

Charge Description: On or about March 1, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Eric Everett Thorsland did, in a public or private place, including on a school bus, knowing, or having reasonable grounds to know it will, or will tend to, alarm, anger or disturb others or provoke an assault or breach of the peace, engaged in offensive, obscene, abusive, boisterous, or noisy conduct or in offensive, obscene, or abusive language tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger, or resentment in others.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 1, 2026, Law enforcement was dispatched to a report of a burglary in Mankato, Minnesota within the County of Blue Earth. Dispatch advised there was a fire alarm going off in the building and a caller reported a male broke into her apartment and pulled the fire alarm.

Officer Joel Hermanson of Mankato's Department of Public Safety spoke with the Victim. She indicated the following, a male she knew as "Eric," and described as tall, skinny, male with tattoos, wearing a black long-sleeved shirt, black pants and black shoes had broken into her apartment. "Eric" was later identified as Eric Everett Thorsland (DOB 8/5/1975). Victim indicated she knew Thorsland from previous negative interactions. Victim stated that she was in her apartment when she heard someone breaking into her apartment through the entry door. Thorsland broke in and damaged the door in the process. Multiple pieces of hardware from the door were strewn across the floor in the entryway of the apartment. Thorsland then remained in the Victim's apartment after several commands by Victim to leave.

While in the apartment Thorsland made comments about how someone was trying to kill him. While in the apartment Thorsland was disruptive which alarmed Victim. He continued to follow and harass her until she indicated she was going to call the Police. Thorsland told Victim that he was going to pull the fire alarm. Victim believes Thorsland then activated the fire alarm and that Thorsland was under the influence of drugs. Victim indicated that she was scared and told Thorsland to leave her apartment several times. Thorsland was later apprehended and metal (brass) knuckles were found in his possession.

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:
03/03/2026 10:33 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
03/03/2026 09:51 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 3, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/03/2026 10:41 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.

Eric Everett Thorsland

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: