

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070108455  
Court File No. 07-CR-24-2801

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**BRANDON WALTER POWELL DOB: 06/22/1988**

194 Kingsway Drive  
North Mankato, MN 56003

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Summons

☒ Amended

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: Aid and Abet Drugs - 1st Degree - Possess 50 grams or more - cocaine or methamphetamine**

Minnesota Statute: 152.021.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.05.1, 152.021.3(a)

Maximum Sentence: 30 years and/or \$1,000,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/23/2024 to 07/22/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24019200

Charge Description: On or between April 23, 2024 and July 22, 2024, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Brandon Walter Powell did intentionally aids, advises, hires, counsels, or conspires with or otherwise procures the other to possess, or did possess, one or more mixtures of a total weight of 50 grams or more containing cocaine.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Aid and Abet Drugs - 1st Degree - Sale - 17 Grams or More-Cocaine or Meth w/in 90-Day Period**

Minnesota Statute: 152.021.1(1), with reference to: 609.05.1, 152.021.3(c)

Maximum Sentence: Mandatory minimum of 65 months or the presumptive fixed sentence under the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines, whichever is greater, but not more than 40 years, or \$1,000,000 fine,

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/23/2024 to 07/22/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24019200

Charge Description: On or between April 23, 2024 and July 22, 2024, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Glennel Steveone Powell did intentionally aids, advises, hires, counsels, or conspires with or otherwise procures the other to unlawfully sell, or did unlawfully sell, one or more mixtures of a total

weight of 17 grams or more containing cocaine.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Drugs - 3rd Degree - Sale - Narcotic**

Minnesota Statute: 152.023.1(1)

Maximum Sentence: 20 years and/or \$250,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/18/2024 to 07/21/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24019200

Charge Description: On or about between July 18, 2024 and July 21, 2024, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Brandon Walter Powell, did unlawfully sell one or more mixtures containing a narcotic drug.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

During the months of April, May, June and July 2024 agents from the Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force (DTF) conducted surveillance of suspected hand-to-hand controlled substance sales between Glennel Steveone Powell and Brandon Walter Powell and various purchasers. The suspected narcotics purchases took place in Blue Earth County, Nicollet County and Waseca County.

Within 72 hours of July 18, 2024, agents with the DTF conducted a controlled purchase utilizing a Confidential Informant (CI). The CI was in contact with Brandon Powell. The controlled purchase was set for \$100 of crack cocaine and was to occur in the City of Mankato.

On the day of the controlled purchase the CI met with DTF agents at a predetermined meet location. The CI's body and vehicle were searched for contraband; none was located. The CI was provided with prerecorded buy fund money and an electronic monitoring device.

The CI then drove to planned controlled by location and parked in the parking lot. Soon thereafter, a 2010 GMC Acadia pulled up and the CI got into the rear seat of the vehicle. The vehicle then drove northbound on a nearby street for approximately one block before turning around. The Acadia then returned the CI to their vehicle.

After being dropped off, the CI went back to their vehicle and placed a small amount of cocaine in the cup holder. Agent Matthew Date took custody of the cocaine which was in a clear plastic baggie.

The Acadia then returned and met again with the CI. The CI got in the Acadia and the Acadia again drove northbound on a nearby street for approximately one block before returning to the CI's vehicle. This time the CI came back to the vehicle with several pieces of a rock-like substance. Agent Date took custody of the substance.

A CI debriefing was then held. The CI informed Agent Date that he contacted Brandon Powell and ordered \$100 of crack cocaine. The CI stated they went to the meet location and met with Brandon Powell, his brother Glennel Powell and a third individual who was identified as Nuell Lideell Mitchell. The CI stated they got into the back seat of the Acadia.

The CI stated that during the first meet up Mitchell was driving, Brandon Powell was in the front passenger seat and Glennel Powell was in the backseat with the CI. The CI stated that they gave Brandon Powell the money and Brandon Powell gave them a small baggie with a white powdery substance in exchange. Brandon Powell told the CI that they didn't have enough to make it worth \$100 and that they told the CI to wait and that they would return with more.

The CI stated the second time he met with them Mitchell was driving, Glennel Powell was in the front passenger seat and Brandon Powell was in the backseat with the CI. Brandon Powell gave the CI the crack cocaine rocks that were not packaged in anything. The total amount of cocaine sold during the controlled buy was 2.7 g.

On July 22, 2024 the DTF, with assistance from the South Central Gang and Drug Task Force, the North Mankato Police Department, and the Nicollet County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at a residence in the City of North Mankato. The residence is the primary residence of Brandon Powell and Glennel Powell. During execution of the search warrant Nuell Mitchell was located in a back bedroom of the residence.

Special Agent Rezny with the Minnesota Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division brought a K-9 partner to sniff the residence. The K-9 indicated the presence of currency inside the bedroom belonging to Glennel Powell. More than \$4,000 in cash was located in the bedroom.

Deputy Nicole Gehrke, with the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office, also brought a K-9 partner to sniff the residence. The K-9 alerted to the presence of controlled substances in Glennel Powell's bedroom.

A search of Glennel Powell's bedroom yielded over 116 g of cocaine. The cocaine was found in a black backpack in Glennel Powell's bedroom closet. Numerous plastic baggies and three digital scales were also located in Glennel Powell's bedroom.

19.8 g of cocaine was located in a Winnie the Pooh bag located in another room in the residence.

## 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:  
01/22/2026 10:50 AM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Todd Coryell  
Assistant County Attorney  
401 Carver Road  
PO Box 3129  
Mankato, MN 56002  
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:  
01/22/2026 07:02 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: January 22, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**

Andrea Jo Lieser  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 01/22/2026 11:00 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: