

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113432
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2038

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MELISSA MICHAEL LINDQUIST DOB: 08/08/1980

23458 Greenland Road
Elysian, MN 56028

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Warrant

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 - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(a)(1), with reference to: 152.025.4(b)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/17/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26015200

Charge Description: On or about May 17, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Melissa Michael Lindquist, did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products or a residual amount of one or more mixtures of controlled substances contained in drug paraphernalia, and the mixture does not include any amount of a controlled substance in a fluid used in a water pipe and said controlled substance was more than .25 grams or 1 dosage unit

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Controlled Substance

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(2), with reference to: 169A.25.2

Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/17/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26015200

Charge Description: On or about May 17, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Melissa Michael Lindquist, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of a controlled substance, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was

committed.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On May 17, 2026, the Mankato Department of Public Safety was dispatched to a report of a female that appeared to be high on methamphetamine attempting to put gas in their vehicle at Business 1 in the City of Mankato, Blue Earth County Minnesota. The caller reported that the female displayed excessive repetitive motions, such as taking the gas cap on and off, and getting in and out of the vehicle several times. The vehicle was described as a maroon colored Chevrolet, bearing Minnesota plate LBG-207. Caller reported he observed Melissa Lindquist (DOB 08-08-1980) drove off from the area.

Officer Wendell located the vehicle and followed it briefly into Business 2 parking lot. Officer Wendell then observed Lindquist parked in a parking spot and conducted a traffic stop within the City of Mankato. While speaking with Lindquist, Officer Wendell observed jittery and uncontrolled movements with her body, mouth and hands which are consistent with the recent use of methamphetamine. Lindquist could not stand still, spoke rapidly and appeared to be paranoid. Lindquist attempted to explain these behaviors are due to menopause and nutrient deficiency. Lindquist was run through field sobriety tests and displayed several indications that she was under the influences of substances. Lindquist agreed to a PBT and the result was .000.

Sergeant Jesse Gilbertson responded to the scene as well and began looking into the vehicle from the exterior and saw several 30 cotton balls and Q-tips which are often used to clean out narcotic related pipes and other devices. There were also lighters and extensive amount of debris and garbage inside of the vehicle.

Lindquist was placed under arrest for suspicion of driving while under the influence. Sergeant Jesse Gilbertson returned to the vehicle and began gathering the belongings on the front driver's seat including cotton balls and Q-tips. Within a tanned purse that was seated right near the center console there was a small case that appeared to be for lipstick. Sergeant Gilbertson shook the container, and it made a sound similar to small bits of hard substances moving around. Sergeant Gilbertson opened the container and inside was a plastic baggie with a small amount of crystalline substance inside. Through Sergeant Gilbertson's training and experience he was immediately able to identify the substance as methamphetamine. The substance Nik tested for methamphetamine. Also found was a plastic baggie containing crystalline substance with an unpackaged weight of 3.94 grams, and a small paper bag containing a white powdery substance with an unpackaged weight of 0.96 grams.

Lindquist was first transported to the hospital for a health check due to her having chest pains. While at the hospital Officer Wendell drafted and requested a search warrant, which was approved by Honorable Judge Weeks. Officer Wendell executed the search warrant on Lindquist by collecting a urine sample. When she was medically cleared she was transported to BEC Jail and then was transported to Rochester Detox Facility.

Officer Dakota Wendell reviewed Lindquist's criminal history and observed the previous convictions.

- 2nd Degree sale: 2017
- 3rd Degree Possession: 2017
- 5th Degree Possession: 2017
- 4th Degree DWI: 2017
- 5th Degree Possession: 2017
- 3rd Degree Possession: 2021

A warrant is requested as Lindquist is currently being held in a detox facility.

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

Kelly Wood
Patrol Officer
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3134

Electronically Signed:
05/19/2026 10:27 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:
05/19/2026 10:06 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: May 19, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/19/2026 10:34 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.

Melissa Michael Lindquist

Defendant

*LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Warrant
upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: