

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112612  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-572

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**

Summons

vs.

**PAUL JOHN KAPSNER DOB: 10/13/1977**

322 Chancery Lane  
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

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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: Motor Vehicle Registration - Intent to Escape Tax**

Minnesota Statute: 168.35

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 01/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26000516

Charge Description: On or about January 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Paul John Kapsner did with intent to escape payment of any tax on a motor vehicle, delayed or neglected to properly list and apply to register the same, or, with intent to prevent the payment or collection of the proper tax, fee, or lien thereon, violated or neglected to comply with any of the provisions of MN Statute Section 168.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Traffic Regulation-Uninsured Vehicle-Owner Violation**

Minnesota Statute: 169.797.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 01/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26000516

Charge Description: On or about January 5, 2026 , in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Paul John Kapsner did, as an owner of a vehicle with respect to which security is required under sections 65B.41 to 65B.71, operated the vehicle or permitted it to be operated upon a public highway, street, or road in this state and knows or has reason to know that the vehicle does not have security complying with the terms of section 65B.48 operate a vehicle without insurance.

## **STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

On January 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota Officer Maxwell Strong of the Mankato Department of Public Safety was on patrol within the city of Mankato. Officer Strong observed a red Nissan Maxima bearing Minnesota license plate number 626WLE traveling with a registration on the vehicle displaying Jan of 2023. Officer Strong confirmed in the NCIC system that the registration of the vehicle was still expired from 2023. Officer Strong then followed the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop.

The driver and owner of the vehicle was identified to be Paul Kapsner through his valid Minnesota Driver's License. During the traffic stop Kapsner stated that he knew his registration was expired and that money was tight. Kapsner also stated that the vehicle did not have insurance.

## 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.

<b>Complainant</b>	Brent Gagnon Police Officer 710 S Front St Mankato, MN 56001-3803 Badge: 3124	Electronically Signed: 02/12/2026 09:16 AM Blue Earth County, Minnesota
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Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

<b>Prosecuting Attorney</b>	Benjamin J Dolan Assistant County Attorney 401 Carver Road PO Box 3129 Mankato, MN 56002 (507) 304-4600	Electronically Signed: 02/12/2026 07:44 AM
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## 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: February 12, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 02/12/2026 09:18 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

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COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

**State of Minnesota**

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**Paul John Kapsner**

Defendant

**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: