

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113215
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1497

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

JOHN MARTIN WEST DOB: 04/29/1975

No Permanent Address
Mankato, MN 56001-3846

Defendant.

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 - 3rd Degree - Possess 10 grams or more a narcotic drug other than heroin or fentanyl

Minnesota Statute: 152.023.2(a)(1), with reference to: 152.023.3(a)
Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$250,000
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26011024

Charge Description: On or about April 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, John Martin West did on one or more occasions within a 90-day period unlawfully possess one or more mixtures of a total weight of ten grams or more containing a narcotic drug other than heroin or fentanyl.

COUNT II

Charge: Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess - Methamphet/Amphetamine in School/Park/Pub Housing Zone

Minnesota Statute: 152.023.2(a)(6), with reference to: 152.023.3(a)
Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$250,000, or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26011024

Charge Description: On or about April 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, John Martin West did unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures containing methamphetamine or amphetamine in a school zone, a park zone, a public housing zone, or a drug treatment facility.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On April 11, 2026, at approximately 10:38 PM, Ofc. Joel Hermanson with the Mankato Department of Public Safety was on routine patrol in Sibley Park in the City of Mankato when he observed an individual sitting on a walkway of a railroad bridge near the intersection of Woodland Avenue and Park Lane.

Ofc. Hermanson approached the individual, who was identified as John Martin West. Ofc. Hermanson spoke to West about his presence on the railroad bridge and being right next to a sign which clearly indicated no trespassing. West claimed he had permission from a railroad employee whom he would not name.

Ofc. Hermanson was informed by Blue Earth County dispatch that West had multiple active warrants for his arrest. Ofc. Hermanson, with the assistance of Ofc. Kristian Marzolf, placed handcuffs on West and took him into custody.

During a search of West, the officers located a small gum container with a large amount of a white crystalline substance inside. The substance would later test positive for methamphetamine and weigh approximately 16.04 g. Officers also found a glass pipe and a rubber tube, both of which later field-tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine.

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

Matthew Huettl
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3142

Electronically Signed:
04/13/2026 10:09 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
04/13/2026 10:03 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: April 13, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 04/13/2026 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.

John Martin West

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: