State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114704
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4930

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL WILLIAM DEBLAERE JR DOB: 09/01/1979

1004 Augusta Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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: Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Value Reduced Over $1000
Minnesota Statute: 609.595.1(4)
Maximum Sentence: 5 years or $10,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/27/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26034711

Charge Description: On or about October 27, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Michael William Deblaere Jr did intentionally cause damage to another person's physical property without the other person's consent, and the damage reduced the value of the property by more than $1,000.00, as measured by the cost of repair and replacement.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In October of 2026, Officer Kratovil of the Mankato Department of Public Safety was dispatched to a criminal damage to property incident that had occurred in Mankato, Minnesota, Blue Earth County.

Officer Kratovil spoke with Victim 1 and learned that his vehicle had been damaged while he worked out at a gym on the afternoon of October 27. Victim 1 indicated he later noticed the damage when he was putting air in his tires. Victim 1's Tesla had video footage capturing the incident.

Officer Kratovil obtained video surveillance captured by the Tesla from Victim 1. The video shows a person, later identified as Michael William Deblaere Jr. (dob 9/1/1979), bend down and scratch the vehicle with a single key grasped between his thumb and finger. Deblaere scratched the vehicle while he walked along it. Officer Kratovil took a photo of the damage to the vehicle.

The cost to repair the vehicle was $1,141.80.

Officer Kratovil identified Deblaere as the suspect. Officer Kratovil spoke with Deblaere. Deblaere claimed it was an accident. Officer Kratovil explained he looked at the video, and it appeared to be an intentional acting of keying the vehicle. Deblaere then stated he wanted to tell the victim not to report the incident to insurance, and he would pay for the damage he caused.

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

Ken Baker
Commander/Patrol Division
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3144

Electronically Signed:
11/18/2026 05:04 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
11/18/2026 02:32 PM

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).

[X] 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: November 19, 2026.

Judicial Officer Allison L Krehbiel
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/19/2026 08:48 AM

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

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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: