

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113313  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-996

**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

**COMPLAINT**  
Warrant  
 Tab Charge/Citation Previously Filed

**KURTIS LOUIS LYNCH DOB: 02/24/1992**  
2161 200th Street  
Truman, MN 56088  
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: DWI - Fourth-Degree Driving While Impaired; Described**  
Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(2), with reference to: 169A.27.2  
Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.  
Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/10/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26200041

Charge Description: On or about January 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Kurtis Louis Lynch, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of a motor vehicle when he was under the influence of a controlled substance.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Controlled Substance**  
Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(7), with reference to: 169A.27.2  
Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.  
Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/10/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26200041

Charge Description: On or about January 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Kurtis Louis Lynch, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when the person's body contains any amount of a controlled substance listed in schedule I or II, or its metabolite, other than marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinols.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Traffic - Drivers License - Driving After Revocation**

Minnesota Statute: 171.24.2(a)  
Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.  
Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/10/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26200041

Charge Description: On or about January 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Kurtis Louis Lynch did after being given notice, or reasonably should have known of the revocation, disobeyed the order by operating in this state any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, while her/his license or privilege was revoked.

#### COUNT IV

**Charge: Cannabis open package - Owner/Driver of motor vehicle; Packaging opened or seal has been broken**

Minnesota Statute: 169A.36.3(1)  
Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.  
Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/10/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26200041

Charge Description: On or about January 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Kurtis Louis Lynch, did have in possession, while in a private motor vehicle on a street or highway, any cannabis flower, a cannabis product, a lower-potency hemp edible, a hemp-derived consumer product, or any other product containing an artificially derived cannabinoid that: is in packaging or another container that does not comply with the relevant packaging requirements in chapter 152 or 342.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On January 7, 2026, State Trooper Timothy Knutson was dispatched to a stalled vehicle on the shoulder of the road located in Blue Earth County, Minnesota. The complainant reported that a subject that appeared to be associated with the stalled vehicle was attempting to wave down others for help and in the lane of traffic.

On arrival Trooper Knutson observed a white 2007 GMC Yukon with Minnesota license plate FGA790. The Vehicle was registered to Kurtis Louis Lynch (DOB 02/24/1992). Directly Infront of the vehicle there was a small fire. Trooper Knutson observed Lynch shut the front side door and approach the fire. Trooper Knutson then approached the vehicle and made contact with the sole occupant of the vehicle who was identified as Lynch. Lynch indicated that he was freezing. Lynch was also holding a fire extinguisher and Trooper Knutson directed him to put out the fire.

Lynch indicated that both of his phones were dead. He denied walking into traffic but described trying to wave someone down for assistance. Lynch intentionally started the fire so someone would call 911 and respond to his location to help him. Lynch explained that he and a female had run out of gas. She was picked up by someone but never returned. Lynch was identified by his DMV photo through the DVS web. Lynch denied driving the vehicle. He stated that the female drove the vehicle and that he did not have a valid driver's license. While speaking with Lynch Trooper Knutson noticed redness to his eyes and hand constricted pupils. Lynch also had rapid speech and was talkative as well as being animated and constantly moving.

Lynch claimed that he the other female occupant were traveling to St. James and they ran out of gas and he had been sitting in the vehicle for hours without heat. Lynch denied taking prescription medications, street drugs and/or alcohol. Trooper Knutson then spoke with other law enforcement who informed him that Lynch had admitted to driving the vehicle and running out of gas. Trooper Knutson then examined the inside of the vehicle and observed the doors were unlocked with the keys in the ignition. Lynch eventually admitted to driving the vehicle to Trooper Kuntson. Trooper Knutson then measured Lynch's pupils and they were at 2mm, which is unusual due to the time of night lighting conditions. Lynch was then asked to conduct Standard Field Sobriety Tests. Lynch showed some clues of impairment during the tests. Lynch then provided a PBT sample which resulted in .000 BAC.

Based on Lynch's admission to driving, redness to his eyes with constricted pupils, rapid speech, being talkative, constant movement, being animated, clues observed on SFST's and a PBT reading of .000 BAC, Lynch was placed under arrested for Driving While Impaired. Lynch was then searched and seated in the back of Trooper Knutson's police vehicle. A glass bubble pipe with residue that NIK tested positive for methamphetamine, a glass bowl with suspected THC/Marijuana residue, a Ziploc bag with a small amount of marijuana and multiple lighters were found on his person. Lynch was transported to the BEC jail at that point. While at the Jail Trooper Knutson applied for a search warrant for Knutson's blood or urine. The Honorable Judge Greg Anderson electronically signed the warrant. Lynch agreed to provide a blood sample. Lynch was transported to Mayo Health Clinic where a blood draw was performed. Trooper Knutson then sealed the kit as instructed and collected the kit to be mailed to the BCA for testing. On March 10, 2026, Trooper Knutson reviewed the BCA report regarding Lynch's tests results. The toxicology reported showed that Lynch had methamphetamine, and amphetamine within his blood.

Due to Defendant Kurtis Lynch failing to appear at his Arraignment Hearing on April 28, 2026 a Minnesota Only Warrant is appropriate in this matter.

## 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**

John Perrin  
State Patrol Trooper  
2171 Bassett Drive  
Mankato, MN 56001-6888  
Badge: SP8

Electronically Signed:  
05/07/2026 04:16 PM  
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:  
05/07/2026 04:09 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).

**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 7, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**

Andrea Jo Lieser  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/07/2026 04:28 PM

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.

**Kurtis Louis Lynch**

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: