

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113538
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3407

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

RYAN JOHN MCCARTHY DOB: 02/14/1977

104 E. Main St. Apt. 1
St. Clair, MN 56080

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: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.26.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26200741

Charge Description: On or about May 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ryan John Mccarthy, did drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(5), with reference to: 169A.26.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26200741

Charge Description: On or about May 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ryan John Mccarthy, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when his/her alcohol concentration at the time, or as measured within two hours of the time, of driving, operating or being in physical control of the motor vehicle was 0.08 or more, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On May 11, 2025, State Trooper Jonathon Newton responded to a call regarding a vehicle that was driving erratically within Blue Earth County. It was reported that the driver went onto the East shoulder and hit the cable barrier, knocking down 20 posts. The driver then drove away from the scene and continued north on Hwy 8. The driver then struck 2 County Road signs. The vehicle was located by Blue Earth County Sheriff's Deputies and Mankato police officers within parking of Business 1. Law Enforcement then followed the vehicle to get them to stop, however eventually had to box them in.

Trooper Newton arrived on scene when Ryan John McCarthy (DOB: 2/14/1977) was already out of the vehicle and in handcuffs. While speaking with McCarthy, Trooper Newton could smell a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from McCarthy. McCarthy admitted to having drunk alcohol earlier. Several times it appeared that McCarthy was going to fall over and swayed heavily during the instruction phase of field sobriety testing and stated he was unable to do the one leg test after attempting it. Trooper Newton then administered a Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) which resulted in a .186 BAC. McCarthy was then played under arrest and transported to the Blue Earth County Jail. McCarthy was read the breath test advisory and was willing to take a breath test. The test resulted in a .17 BAC., which is more than twice the legal limit.

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

Chad Mills
Lieutenant
2171 Bassett Drive
Mankato, MN 56001-6888
Badge: 2202

Electronically Signed:
08/14/2026 04:44 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:
08/13/2026 12:22 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: August 17, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/17/2026 04:02 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.

Ryan John Mccarthy

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: