

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112847
Court File No. 07-CR-26-608

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MATHEW CHARLES PATRICK BLANSHAN DOB: 03/30/1987

100 Galileo Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

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: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1

Maximum Sentence: 7 years or \$14,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26004626

Charge Description: On or about February 14, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Mathew Charles Patrick Blanshan, did assault another with a dangerous weapon.

COUNT II

Charge: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26004626

Charge Description: On or about February 14, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Mathew Charles Patrick Blanshan, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

COUNT III

Charge: Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(a)(1)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26004626

Charge Description: On or about February 14, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Mathew Charles Patrick Blanshan, did, unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except heroin or a small amount of marijuana, and the mixture does not include any amount of a controlled substance in a fluid used in a water pipe, and the weight of the substance is less than .25 grams or one dosage unit or less and the person has not been previously convicted of a violation of Chapter 152.

COUNT IV

Charge: Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer

Minnesota Statute: 609.50.1(2), with reference to: 609.50.2(2)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26004626

Charge Description: On or about February 14, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Mathew Charles Patrick Blanshan did, intentionally, obstruct, resist, or interfere with a peace officer while the officer was engaged in the performance of official duties and the act was accompanied by force or violence or the threat thereof.

COUNT V

Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(1)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26004626

Charge Description: On or about February 14, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Mathew Charles Patrick Blanshan, did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

A little after midnight on February 14, 2026, officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a residence in Blue Earth County following a report by Witness 1 that Witness 1's roommate, later identified as Mathew Charles Patrick Blanshan (DOB: 03/30/1987), had gotten into an argument with another roommate (Victim 1), pulled a firearm, and racked it. Witness 1 said Blanshan and Victim 1 were arguing about \$400.

Witness 1 told Officer Wagner that Blanshan had threatened Victim 1, who is Witness 1's mother, with a handgun and had "cocked it." Witness 1 said Blanshan and Victim 1 were presently arguing in Victim 1's bedroom. Wagner could hear a male and female's voice coming from that room.

Wagner made contact with Blanshan and advised him that police had learned of an argument and allegedly Blanshan had a gun. Blanshan said there was no gun, instructed Wagner to search Blanshan and to reach into Blanshan's coat pocket. When Wagner reached into Blanshan's coat pocket, Wagner immediately found an empty handgun holster. Blanshan said the holster was for a gun that was not "real" and that Blanshan had just moved from outside to inside.

Blanshan instructed Victim 1 to grab the gun that was not real from Blanshan's bedroom wall, which Victim 1 did. Wagner confirmed that gun was not real. Blanshan said it was not even a BB gun and shot plastic pellets.

Wagner asked about other guns in the residence and Blanshan and Victim 1 denied there were any. Blanshan said, "there's no other fucking gun in this house."

Officer Gelle noted that Blanshan was incredibly upset and argumentative. When Officer Wagner instructed Blanshan to put his hands behind Blanshan's back. Blanshan stood up and pulled his arms up and away from Wagner and started backing away. Officer Gelle reported when Gelle and Wagner tried to detain Blanshan, Blanshan threw his arms and shoulders in an attempt to cause Gelle and Wagner to let go of him.

Wagner asked Gelle to search Blanshan and noted Blanshan pulled away from officers as they tried to search him. When officers walked Blanshan out of the residence and to a squad car, Blanshan dropped his weight, pulled against officer holds, and refused to follow their direction.

Officer Hermanson spoke with Victim 1 who said the following: Victim 1 and Blanshan had been living together for ten months and had been arguing recently about cheating. Victim 1 said Blanshan and Victim 1 were previously in a romantic relationship. Victim 1 said Victim 1 only knew about a BB gun in the residence and initially denied that a BB gun or firearm was involved in the argument with Blanshan.

Wagner showed the gun from Blanshan's wall to Witness 1 and asked Witness 1 if that was the gun Blanshan used to threaten Victim 1. Witness 1 said no and that Witness 1 knew about a smaller gun in the residence. Witness 1 noted Blanshan and Victim 1 argue a lot but this argument was the worst one Witness 1 had heard. During the argument, Witness 1 heard Victim 1 shout, "don't point that at me."

Witness 1 referenced an earlier phone call in which Blanshan told someone on the phone, "you're not gonna like what happens when you come home." Blanshan called the other person "bitch" and "fucking stupid." Victim 1 told police Victim 1 arrived to the residence 10-15 minutes before police did.

Sergeant Huettl advised Wagner police found a real handgun in Blanshan's room. Huettl reported it was a

Ruger 9mm handgun Huettl found in plain view on top of clothes hampers. The gun appeared to have the magazine inserted. Huettl ejected the magazine and racked the slide, noting there was one round chambered and a fully-loaded magazine. Huettl said the handgun slide and magazine, both metal, were cold to the touch, suggesting they had been outside recently.

Wagner showed the handgun to Witness 1 who confirmed it was the gun Witness 1 had previously seen Blanshan possess. Wagner racked the slide and Witness 1 confirmed it was the same sound he heard when Blanshan and Victim 1 argued.

Though Victim 1 had initially denied a gun was present during the argument, Victim 1 eventually admitted there had been a gun present. Victim 1 said Blanshan put the gun, which Victim 1 thought was a BB gun, in Blanshan's mouth during the argument. Victim 1 claimed Blanshan pointed the gun at Victim 1 while it was in Blanshan's mouth, causing Victim 1 to say, "don't point that at me." Wagner stressed that explanation did not make sense. Victim 1 said Blanshan was only threatening to die by suicide. Victim 1 said that night was the worst Victim 1 had ever seen Blanshan in terms of extreme reactions, which Blanshan regularly demonstrates.

Police also found in Blanshan's room a baggie containing a white substance that NIK tested positive for 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

Katelyn Kaiser
Patrol Officer
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3157

Electronically Signed:
02/17/2026 10:02 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Christopher K Lowe
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
02/17/2026 09:55 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: February 17, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Timothy J. Looby
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 02/17/2026 10:38 AM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
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 Order of Detention upon the Defendant herein named.

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: