

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113337
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1797

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DEREK DARBY RUTH DOB: 05/17/1989

49855 127th Street
Amboy, MN 56010

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: Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence

Minnesota Statute: 624.713.1(2)

Maximum Sentence: 15 Years or \$30,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/03/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013667

Charge Description: On or about May 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Derek Darby Ruth did, after having been convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent or convicted as an extended jurisdiction Defendant for committing, in this state or elsewhere, a crime of violence, possess a firearm or ammunition.

COUNT II

Charge: Predatory Offender - Knowingly commits act or fails to fulfill registration requirement

Minnesota Statute: 243.166.5(a)(1), with reference to: 243.166.5(c)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/03/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013667

Charge Description: On or about May 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Derek Darby Ruth did, as a person required to register under section 243.166, who was given notice, knows, or reasonably should know of the duty to register and who knowingly committed an act or failed to fulfill a requirement that violates any provision of this section.

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), with reference to: 152.025.4(b)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/03/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013667

Charge Description: On or about May 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Derek Darby Ruth, did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except 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, after having been previously convicted of a violation of Chapter 152.

COUNT IV

Charge: Obstruct Legal Process-Lawful Execution Legal Process

Minnesota Statute: 609.50.1(1), with reference to: 609.50.2(3)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/03/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013667

Charge Description: On or about May 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Derek Darby Ruth, did, obstruct, hinder, or prevent the lawful execution of any legal process, civil or criminal, or apprehension of another on a charge or conviction of a criminal offense.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the evening on May 3, 2026, Officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a location in the City of Mankato following a report of a suspicious circumstance involving two individuals inside their vehicle. When Officer Gelle arrived to that location, he observed a vehicle outside of a parking spot in an open area with a male and female nearby.

The male advised he had locked the keys to the vehicle in the trunk. The driver's door was open and under the steering console, Officer Gelle saw a wrench with what appeared to be metal shavings on the ground. Gelle reported this is consistent with efforts to tamper with or steal a motor vehicle by accessing the steering console or ignition.

The male closed the door and took a step back from Gelle. To Gelle, the male appeared to become nervous, starting to stumble over the male's words and looking around a lot. Gelle then noticed the female, Witness 1, was walking away from the area.

Gelle asked the male for his identification, and the male said it had been stolen. The male then refused to identify himself. After going back and forth with the male about whether the male had to tell Gelle who he was, Gelle advised the male he was under arrest for obstruction.

When the male was in the back of Gelle's squad car, he identified the female and said he was Derek Darby Ruth (DOB: 05/17/1989). Gelle then learned Ruth had a felony warrant for failure to appear at a hearing in a 3rd Degree Drug case.

Ruth insisted the vehicle was Ruth's and said the title was in the vehicle's glove box. When Gelle opened the glove box, Gelle saw a title but also a sandwich baggie in front of it with ammunition for a handgun. Gelle reported most of the rounds had a green plastic piece on the back, but one round was a normal full-metal-jacket round of ammunition. Ruth told Gelle the ammunition was not real. When Gelle told Ruth that Gelle knew the ammunition was real, Ruth told Gelle the ammunition was not Ruth's.

Gelle then learned from Sergeant Wood of a possible domestic assault involving Ruth and Witness 1 in which Ruth broke Witness 1's arm. Gelle read Ruth the Miranda warning before inquiring further about the reported domestic assault. Ruth became upset about the ammunition in Ruth's vehicle, noting Ruth is a convicted felon and not allowed to possess it.

Gelle noted the title listed Ruth as the vehicle's owner. Because Gelle found the prohibited ammunition, Officers began a search of the entire vehicle. Officer Hermanson found a crystalline substance in a "hide" which was an orange Fanta pop can with a false inside area.

Inside the can, Officer Hermanson found two baggies with a white crystalline substance. The substances field tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed 1.69 grams and 1.86 grams respectively.

Ruth was transported to the Blue Earth County jail. There Gelle asked for Ruth's contact information. Ruth said it was on Ruth's phone and he texted his new address to his probation agent recently. Gelle observed that Ruth sent a text message to his probation agent on March 17th with an address in Amboy, Minnesota. Gelle shared this information with Sergeant Wood for purposes of generating police reports. Wood discovered Ruth's contact information in his Predatory Offender Registration file was inaccurate, including an incorrect address for Ruth and no information relating to his vehicle, which the title indicated Ruth purchased on March 14, 2026.

Ruth was convicted of Drug Possession in the 5th Degree on April 19, 2022, in Court File No. 40-CR-21-367.

On July 5, 2022, Ruth was convicted of possessing ammunition or a firearm after a conviction or delinquency adjudication for a crime of violence.

On May 10, 2022, Ruth was convicted of Threats of Violence in Court File No. 55-CR-21-155.

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

Adam Gray
Operations Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3117

Electronically Signed:
05/05/2026 10:27 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:
05/05/2026 10:01 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.

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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 5, 2026.

Judicial Officer Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/05/2026 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: