

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113141  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1230

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**ARIEL ELIZABETH CLAUSEN DOB: 03/30/1992**

101 Oriole Path  
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

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**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: Aiding an Offender to Avoid Arrest-Harbor/Conceal**

Minnesota Statute: 609.495.1(a)

Maximum Sentence: 3 years or \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009205

Charge Description: On or about March 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ariel Elizabeth Clausen did harbor, conceal, aid, or assist by word or acts another whom the actor knows or has reason to know has committed a crime under the laws of this or another state or of the United States with intent that such offender shall avoid or escape from arrest, trial, conviction, or punishment.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Aiding an Offender on Probation/Parole/Sup Rel-A&D Order Issued**

Minnesota Statute: 609.495.1(b)

Maximum Sentence: 3 years or \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009205

Charge Description: On or about March 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ariel Elizabeth Clausen did knowingly harbor, conceal or aid a person who is on probation, parole or supervised release because of a felony level conviction and for whom an arrest and detention order has been issued, with intent that the person evade or escape being taken into custody under the order.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 28, 2026, D.D. had an active probation violation warrant out of court file 07-CR-25-13.

On March 28, 2026, officers responded to residence in Mankato upon a call about narcotics being sold/distributed. The caller also reported that there was a Chevrolet Avalanche associated with the suspected narcotics transactions. Officers learned that D.D. was associated with that vehicle.

Officers located the vehicle and learned that the driver was D.D. Officers learned that D.D. said he wasn't going back to jail and fled from officers on foot.

Officers utilized a K9 but did not locate D.D.

Officers spoke with a witness that spoke on the phone with Ariel Elizabeth Clausen. The witness stated that Clausen said that D.D. was in her residence and officers were outside. Clausen told the witness that Clausen couldn't come and help the witness because of the officers outside her residence.

Officers attempted to make contact with Clausen. She refused to answer the door or respond to calls..

Officers obtained a search warrant for the residence. Officers utilized loud PA speakers. Clausen still refused to come to the door. Officers continued to utilize loudspeakers for a significant time with no response from Clausen or D.D.

Eventually, after about an hour, officers broke the door and arrested both D.D. and Clausen inside the residence.

A neighbor told law enforcement the commands through the PA were very loud and could be clearly heard inside their residence.

## 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:  
03/30/2026 10:37 AM  
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:  
03/30/2026 10:17 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: March 30, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**                      Andrea Jo Lieser  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/30/2026 10:48 AM

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.

**Ariel Elizabeth Clausen**

Defendant

*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: