

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114215  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4354

State of Minnesota,  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Summons

vs.

**RUBEN GAVINO LEAL JR DOB: 10/23/1995**

504 James Avenue #104  
Mankato, MN 56001

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: Cannabis - 1st Degree - Possess more than 160 g but not more than 2 kg of cannabis concentrate**

Minnesota Statute: 152.0263.1(2)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/13/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26025550

Charge Description: On or about August 13, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ruben Gavino Leal Jr, did,unlawfully possess more than 160 grams but not more than two kilograms of cannabis concentrate.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Cannabis - 3rd Degree -Possess more than 4 ounces less than 1 pound cannabis flower not in residence**

Minnesota Statute: 152.0263.3(1)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/13/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26025550

Charge Description: On or about August 13, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ruben Gavino Leal Jr, did unlawfully possess more than four ounces but not more than one pound of cannabis flower in any place other than the person's residence.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Cannabis - 3rd Degree - Sale or more than eight grams of cannabis concentrate**

Minnesota Statute: 152.0264.3(2)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/13/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26025550

Charge Description: On or about August 13, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ruben Gavino Leal Jr, an adult, did unlawfully sell more than eight grams of cannabis concentrate.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 13, 2026, Officers Strong and Rutz of the Mankato Department of Public Safety initiated a traffic stop on a white GMC Yukon. Witness 1 was the driver of the vehicle and the passenger was later identified as Ruben Gavino Leal Jr. (DOB: 10/23/1995). Agent Nelson of the Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force had previously observed the vehicle make a short term stop at a residence within the City of Mankato.

Prior to the traffic stop, Agent Nelson observed one of the individuals, later identified as Leal, exit the GMC Yukon, grab a backpack, enter a residence within the City of Mankato for a short period of time with the backpack, then exit the residence and return to the vehicle with the same backpack. When Leal got back into the vehicle he got into the front passenger's seat of the vehicle. Agent Nelson observed Leal and the driver leave in the GMC Yukon without wearing seatbelts.

After initiating the traffic stop, Officer Strong and Officer Rutz approached the vehicle. Officer Rutz identified the driver, Witness 1, and Officer Strong identified the front passenger as Leal. Officer Strong noted that when they approached the vehicle, they observed that neither Leal nor the driver were wearing their seat belts. Officer Strong noted that he observed a large quantity of raw green leafy shake substance, consistent with marijuana flower, unpackaged, and on the center console.

Officer Strong and Agent Nelson both noted that when speaking with Leal and Witness 1 they observed boxes of THC concentrate/wax cartridges lying near Leal. They also observed the backpack that Leal was in possession of earlier to be located at his feet in the vehicle. Officer Strong and Agent Nelson also noted various burnt blunt/joint like cigar butts located in the vehicle.

Officer Strong and Agent Nelson searched the vehicle and located numerous clean, empty Ziploc style sandwich bags, 2 AWS blade brand digital scales, and "Flower daddy" loyalty punch cards consistent with the sales of THC wax/concentrate and/or marijuana.

Officer Strong and Agent Nelson also searched the backpack that Leal had in his possession. In the backpack agents found several bags containing a green, leafy substance consistent with raw flower marijuana weighing 154.31 grams, a black plastic container with a clear top that contained a goldish/brown wax-like substance consistent with THC wax/concentrate weighing 317.72 grams, 4 THC cartridges weighing 2 grams each, 2 Luigi brand cartridges weighing 2 grams each, and 2 Stoner Stix brand cartridges weighing 2 grams each.

## 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**

Ken Baker  
Commander/Patrol Division  
710 S Front St  
Mankato, MN 56001-3803  
Badge: 3144

Electronically Signed:  
10/14/2026 04:37 PM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Benjamin R. Chapman  
Assistant County Attorney  
401 Carver Road  
PO Box 3129  
Mankato, MN 56002  
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:  
10/14/2026 04:31 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: October 15, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**

Bradley C Walker  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/15/2026 08:13 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.

**Ruben Gavino Leal Jr**

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: