

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114041
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3491

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ELIJAH JOE ROBERTS DOB: 09/02/2002

107 S 5th Street #2
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: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.25.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/23/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26017726

Charge Description: On or about August 23, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Elijah Joe Roberts, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol, and two or more aggravating factors were present when the violation was committed.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August, 23, 2026 at approximately 3:15 a.m. Deputy Guetter of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office responded to a call of a suspicious male at Business 1, a gas station in Madison Lake. Witness 1 reported that there appeared to be something wrong with the male, that he was possibly drunk, and that he stumbled out of the driver's seat of his vehicle.

When Deputy Guetter arrived at Business 1, a male later identified as Elijah Joe Roberts (DOB: 09/02/2002) was passed out in the driver seat of the vehicle. Deputy Guetter knocked on the window of the vehicle to awake Roberts. When Roberts awoke, he was clearly confused. Deputer Guetter smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from Roberts, he had bloodshot and watery eyes, and he slurred his speech. Roberts claimed he had parked at Business 1 seven hours ago. Roberts thought he was in Elysian but he was actually in Madison Lake.

Witness 1 showed Deputy Guetter surveillance footage that showed Roberts driving into Business 1 at 1:40 a.m., about an hour and a half before Deputy Guetter arrived.

Roberts performed poorly on FSTs. Deputy Guetter read Roberts the Breath Test Advisory at 4:14 a.m. Roberts took the breath test, registering a .16 BAC at 4:34 a.m.

Roberts has one prior impaired driving offenses for Refusal to Submit to Breath Test in Court File # 07-CR-22-3625.

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

Paul Barta
Captain
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2721

Electronically Signed:
08/24/2026 11:40 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

John L.V. Brooks
Assistant Blue Earth County
Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
08/24/2026 10:46 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: August 24, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/24/2026 11:59 AM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

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Elijah Joe Roberts

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: