

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113340
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1783

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES DAVID BRYANT JR DOB: 06/04/1977

106 Ann Street N
Minnesota Lake, MN 56068

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: Domestic Assault-Felony

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.4

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

Offense Level: Felony

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

Control #(ICR#): 26013631

Charge Description: On or about May 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, James David Bryant Jr did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflicted or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another and has two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency within ten years following discharge from sentence or disposition for that offense.

COUNT II

Charge: Emergency Telephone Calls/Communications - Interrupt, Interfere, Impede, Disrupt 911 Call

Minnesota Statute: 609.78.2(1)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

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

Control #(ICR#): 26013631

Charge Description: On or about May 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, James David Bryant Jr did intentionally interrupt, disrupt, impede, or interfere with an emergency call or intentionally prevent or hinder another from placing an emergency call.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the afternoon on May 3, 2026, Officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a residence in Blue Earth County after Victim 1 reported Victim 1's boyfriend, James David Bryant (DOB: 06/04/1977), injured Victim 1's finger.

When Officer Coutier arrived to the residence, Coutier observed Victim 1's finger was bleeding and there was a mess inside the residence consistent with a physical altercation. Coutier spoke with Victim 1 who said Bryant hit Victim 1's hand with a pan, causing Victim 1's finger to split open and bleed. Victim 1 reported Bryant believed Victim 1 was cheating on Bryant because Victim 1 communicates with Victim 1's ex-boyfriend about the children they have in common. Victim 1 stated Victim 1 and Bryant have been dating for three years.

Victim 1 stated Bryant also grabbed Victim 1 by the chin and shoved Victim 1 into a nearby desk. Victim 1 said Bryant took Victim 1's cell phone to prevent Victim 1 from calling 911.

Sergeant Gagnon located Bryant away from the residence and made contact with him. Bryant told Gagnon that Bryant and Victim 1 had been arguing and Bryant left Victim 1's residence to "cool" down before the argument escalated. Bryant claimed Victim 1 would not give Bryant his inhaler to treat his asthma and Bryant took Victim 1's cell phone and keys as "collateral."

Gagnon placed Bryant under arrest. Gagnon searched Bryant incident to arrest and found on Bryant's person three cell phones, a set of keys, and two inhalers.

Bryant told Officer Coutier that Bryant was the victim of a domestic assault by Victim 1, claiming Victim 1 bit Bryant in the arm. Bryant showed Coutier a purported bite mark. Coutier observed in a video recording from the holding cell at the Blue Earth County Jail that the bite mark was self-inflicted.

Bryant has been convicted of the following qualified domestic violence-related offenses in the last ten years: (1) Domestic Assault – Court File No. 22-CR-25-694 – convicted on December 22, 2025; and (2) Threats of Violence – Court File No. 07-CR-25-2906 – convicted on March 2, 2026.

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 08:51 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 08:21 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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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: May 5, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/05/2026 09:17 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: