

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113542
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2295

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TEANNA MARIE BUFORD DOB: 04/04/1994

1251 Pohl Road #208
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: Malicious Punishment of a Child-Prior Listed Offense-Less than SBH

Minnesota Statute: 609.377.3

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/24/2026 to 06/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26017356

Charge Description: On or about May 24, 2026 to June 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Teanna Marie Buford, did, as a parent, legal guardian, or caretaker, by an intentional act or a series of intentional acts with respect to a child, evidenced unreasonable force or cruel discipline that is excessive under the circumstances; and the defendant has a previous conviction or adjudication of delinquency in the previous five years for an offense under sections 609.377, 609.221 to 609.2231, 609.224, 609.2242, 609.342 to 609.345, or 609.713.

COUNT II

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COUNT III

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): 05/24/2026 to 06/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26017356

Charge Description: On or about May 24, 2026 to June 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Teanna Marie Buford did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death 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 IV

Charge: Neglect of a Child-Likely Subst. Harm Physical/Emot Health-G

Minnesota Statute: 609.378.1(a)(1)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/24/2026 to 06/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26017356

Charge Description: On or about May 24, 2026 to June 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Teanna Marie Buford did as a parent, legal guardian, or caretaker of a child, willfully deprive the child of necessary food, clothing, shelter, health care, or supervision appropriate to the child's age, when the parent, guardian, or caretaker is reasonably able to make the necessary provisions and the deprivation harms or is likely to substantially harm the child's physical, mental, or emotional health.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On June 4, 2026, Witness 1 reported child abuse and neglect to the Mankato Department of Public Safety. Witness 1 stated that he observed Teanna Marie Buford (DOB:4/4/1994) hit her 2-year-old son, Victim 1, with a coat hanger and that she was also not feeding him. Witness 1 also reported he had video of some incidents.

Witness 1 first began speaking with Buford approximately two weeks ago. He went to her apartment and was appalled at the conditions—dog and cat feces on the floor, human feces on the bathroom floors and outside the toilet, dogs that were not let outside, hazards such as broken glass on the floor, and no food in the house. He reported that Buford left Victim 1 alone unsupervised for several hours at a time, drank heavily, forced Victim 1 to stay in his room, and forced Victim 1 to sleep on the floor. Witness 1 also reported that Victim 1 was underweight and Buford ate food that Witness 1 brought to the residence for Victim 1.

Sergeant Wood reviewed video from Witness 1. In the first video, Buford can be heard saying “I should get up and smack him in his mouth.” She then grabbed a light-colored plastic clothes hanger in her right hand and exits the room. Victim 1 can be heard crying and at least two distinct impact sounds can be heard. Victim 1 cries and gasps in conjunction with the impact sounds. The video then shows Buford still holding the coat hanger and yanking Victim 1 by his arm and putting him in the corner facing the wall yelling “get your bitch ass in this corner.”

Detectives obtained a search warrant for Buford’s residence, an apartment in the City of Mankato. In the apartment, detectives observed that it smelled horribly of animal feces and urine, that feces was present in the dog kennels and on the floor, and that cannabis was sitting out in areas easily accessible to Victim 1.

Detectives arrested Buford. She explained that Victim 1 was at her mother’s residence. Detectives went to the mother’s residence and placed Victim 1 on a 72-hour health and welfare hold. Detectives noted that Victim 1 was only wearing a diaper and a t-shirt and no other clothes were available for him. Detective Hullopeter observed a vertical mark under Victim 1’s left eye.

After reading her the Miranda warning, Detectives interviewed Buford. She admitted to hitting Victim 1 twice with a coat hanger on his butt. She also admitted to hitting Victim 1 across the head. She admitted that her punishments are “extreme.”

Buford has a prior conviction for felony 5th Degree Assault in Court File # 07-CR-24-1086 and gross misdemeanor Domestic Assault in Court File # 07-CR-21-3519.

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

Matthew Huettl
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3142

Electronically Signed:
06/08/2026 10:18 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:
06/08/2026 09:57 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 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: June 8, 2026.

Judicial Officer Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/08/2026 11:00 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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Teanna Marie Buford

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: