

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112976  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-866

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**JOSEPH CURTIS ORIGAS DOB: 04/22/1985**

45 Country Manor  
Eagle Lake, MN 56024

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Order of Detention

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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: Drugs - 3rd Degree - Poss. Sch 1 or 2 Narcotic, LSD, MDA, or MDMA in School/Park/Public Housing Zone**

Minnesota Statute: 152.023.2(a)(4), with reference to: 152.023.3(a)

Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$250,000, or both

Offense Level: Felony

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

Control #(ICR#): 26006507

Charge Description: On or about March 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Curtis Origas did on one or more occasions within a 90-day period the person unlawfully possesses any amount of a schedule I or II narcotic drug or five or more dosage units of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), 3,4-methylenedioxy amphetamine, or 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine in a school zone, a park zone, a public housing zone, or a drug treatment facility.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - User of Controlled Substance**

Minnesota Statute: 624.713.1(10)(iii)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

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

Control #(ICR#): 26006507

Charge Description: On or about March 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Curtis Origas did, as a person who is an unlawful user of any controlled substance as defined in chapter 152 did possess a firearm or ammunition.

### COUNT III

**Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol**

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.27.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

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

Control #(ICR#): 26006507

Charge Description: On or about March 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Curtis Origas, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol.

### COUNT IV

**Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours**

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(5), with reference to: 169A.27.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

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

Control #(ICR#): 26006507

Charge Description: On or about March 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Curtis Origas, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle , when his/her alcohol concentration at the time, or as measured within two hours of the time, of driving, operating or being in physical control of the motor vehicle was 0.08 or more.

### COUNT V

**Charge: Carrying Pistol While Under Influence of Alcohol**

Minnesota Statute: 624.7142.1(4)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

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

Control #(ICR#): 26006507

Charge Description: On or about March 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Curtis Origas, did did carry a pistol on or about the person's clothes or person in a public place, when the person was under the influence of alcohol.

### COUNT VI

**Charge: Carry/Possess Pistol w/out Permit - Public Place - Gross Misdemeanor; Second or Subsequent - Felony-G**

Minnesota Statute: 624.714.1a

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

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

Control #(ICR#): 26006507

Charge Description: On or about March 3, 2026 at 6:36 PM, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota,

Joseph Curtis Origas did, did carry, hold or possess a pistol in a motor vehicle, snowmobile, or boat or on or about the person's clothes or the person or was otherwise in possession or control in a public place, as defined in section 624.7181, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), without first having obtained a permit to carry the pistol.

### COUNT IX

**Charge: Dangerous Weapons-Metal Knuckles/Switch Blade**

Minnesota Statute: 609.66.1(a)(4), with reference to: 609.66.1(b)(1)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

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

Control #(ICR#): 26006507

Charge Description: On or about March 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Curtis Origas did manufacture, transfer, or possess metal knuckles in a park zone.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 3, 2026, at 6:46 PM, Officer Strong of the Mankato Department of Public Safety was on routine patrol in Mankato, Blue Earth County, when he observed a vehicle travel past him that displayed expired registration. Officer Strong conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle and approached the driver's side of the vehicle. Immediately upon contact with Joseph Origas (DOB 4/22/1985), Officer strong noticed a strong odor of recently consumed alcohol beverages emanating from the vehicle that became more apparent as Origas spoke to him. Origas had bloodshot and glassy eyes, and Officer Strong observed two open 16oz cans of alcohol in the center cupholder and back seat floor board.

Origas stated he had consumed one beer. Origas's speech was slurred. Origas told Officer Strong he had no guns or drugs in the vehicle. Origas was asked to exit the vehicle. Once he exited, Officer Strong noted the alcohol odor became stronger and he could also detect and odor of marijuana. Origas then stated he had consumed two beers prior to driving. Officer Strong administered standard field sobriety tests to Origas. Origas performed poorly on the tests and provided a preliminary breath test indicate he was above the legal limit to drive.

Origas had improperly packaged marijuana on his person. Located in the vehicle was loaded a .45 caliber handgun, a magazine and unspent bullets, and brass metal knuckles in a gray back pack on the center console next to the driver's seat. Origas does not have a valid permit to carry. An unloaded, uncased shotgun was located in the rear (accessible from the cab) of the vehicle. Above the vanity on the driver's side, Officer's located a plastic straw that contained a white powdery residue that field tested positive for cocaine. Various plastic baggies, containers, and straws containing a white powdery residue were located in a can koozie in the center consul. Gummies suspected to be THC and a small container containing a green leafy substance were located in the center console.

Origas was transported to jail and read the breath test advisory. Origas agreed to provide a breath sample. The results of the DMT test that was completed at 7:56 PM indicated Origas had a blood alcohol concentration of .10.

Origas was located within a park zone.

## 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**

Jesse Gilbertson  
Patrol Sergeant  
710 S Front St  
Mankato, MN 56001-3803  
Badge: 3126

Electronically Signed:  
03/04/2026 09:57 AM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Todd Coryell  
Assistant County Attorney  
401 Carver Road  
PO Box 3129  
Mankato, MN 56002  
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:  
03/04/2026 09:39 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: March 4, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**

Kristine Weeks  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/04/2026 10:08 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.

**Joseph Curtis Origas**

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: