

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

0070113016
07-CR-26-1208

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

CORY LYNN SPIESS DOB: 01/24/1997

Olmsted County Adult Detention Center
101 4th St SE
Rochester, MN 55904

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: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

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

Control #(ICR#): 26004339

Charge Description: On or about March 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Cory Lynn Spiess, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

COUNT II

Charge: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

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

Control #(ICR#): 26004339

Charge Description: On or about March 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Cory Lynn Spiess, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

COUNT III

Charge: Assault - 4th Deg - Physician, nurse or other emergency room personnel

Minnesota Statute: 609.2231.2(a)(2)
Maximum Sentence: 364 days jail, \$3,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

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

Control #(ICR#): 26004339

Charge Description: On or about March 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Cory Lynn Spiess did physically assault a physician, nurse, or other person providing health care services in a hospital emergency department.

COUNT IV

Charge: Assault in the fifth degree; Gross misdemeanor-Within three years of previous conviction.

Minnesota Statute: 609.224.2(b)
Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

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

Control #(ICR#): 26004339

Charge Description: On or about March 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Cory Lynn Spiess, did intentionally inflict or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another within three years of a previous qualified domestic violence-related offense conviction or adjudication of delinquency.

COUNT V

Charge: Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer

Minnesota Statute: 609.50.1(2)
Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

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

Control #(ICR#): 26004339

Charge Description: On or about March 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Cory Lynn Spiess did, intentionally, obstruct, resist, or interfere with a peace officer while the officer was engaged in the performance of official duties and the act was accompanied by force or violence or the threat thereof.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the morning on March 5, 2026, an Apprehend and Detain (“A&D”) Order was issued for Cory Lynn Spiess (DOB: 01/24/1997). Dispatch advised Deputies from the Blue Earth County Sheriff’s Office (“BECSSO”) that Spiess had fought with law enforcement in the past, recently posted pictures on Facebook of items that appeared to be firearms and machetes, and had been posting about suicide by cop.

Deputies learned that just four hours before the A&D order issued, Spiess wrote on Facebook, “for my next trick I will need a gun.”

Multiple Deputies from the Blue Earth County Sheriff’s Office sought to arrest Spiess in the BECSCO lobby, pursuant to the A&D Order. After Deputies told Spiess he was under arrest and tried to place Spiess in handcuffs, Spiess pulled his arms away, kicked toward Deputies, and tried to grab Deputies’ hands. Spiess was placed against the wall to prevent further resistance. When Spiess was up against the wall, he hit his head against the wall before Deputies placed a soft helmet on Spiess’s head to prevent injury to Spiess.

Due to continued resistance, Spiess was taken to the floor and placed in the WRAP safety restraint system, while Spiess tried to bite and grab at Deputies. On the floor, Spiess hit his head against the floor intentionally.

After Spiess was transported to the Blue Earth County jail and while he was in one of the intake rooms, Spiess said to Deputies, “I’m going to find out where you guys live and kill you. That is not a threat—it is a promise.”

Spiess was transported to the Emergency Room at Mayo Clinic Health System (“MCHS”) after intentionally hitting his head on the wall of a pre-booking cell at the jail.

At MCHS, Spiess was sedated. Deputy Davis watched over Spiess at MCHS. When Deputy Rother arrived to relieve Deputy Davis of duty, Spiess began to come out of sedation, flail in Spiess’s bed, and smack Spiess’s head on the bed rail. Deputies, Victim 1, and Victim 2 tried to restrain Spiess. Spiess said to them, “you’re all dead” and “I’m going to find out where you live and kill your family.” Staff administered more sedation.

Victim 1 is an Emergency Room nurse and Victim 2 is a security officer at MCHS. Victim 1 has been a nurse for 30 years. Victim 1 told Deputy Rother that Victim 1 felt the threats were directed at Victim 1 and the incident with Spiess made Victim 1 want to quit Victim 1’s job.

A little bit later, Spiess came out of sedation again and started slamming his head on the rails of his hospital bed. When hospital staff tried to control Spiess, he spit at them. When Victim 1 went to put a spit hood over Spiess’s head, Spiess grabbed Victim 1’s shirt and fingers, causing Victim 1 fear and pain. About the same time, Spiess grabbed Victim 2 by the testicles and squeezed, causing Victim 2 pain.

When Spiess was ready to be discharged from MCHS, law enforcement attempted to place a restraint system on Spiess once again. Spiess attempted to pull his legs away, refused to cooperate, and thrashed about.

Spiess was convicted of one qualified domestic violence-related offense in the last three years: (1) Assault in the 4th Degree – Court File No. 55-CR-23-6521 – convicted February 2, 2026.

Spiess is in custody in another Minnesota jurisdiction, and the State requests a Warrant.

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:
03/27/2026 08:04 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:
03/26/2026 03:33 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: Hold for Court

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 27, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Bradley C Walker
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/27/2026 08:15 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.

Cory Lynn Spiess

Defendant

*LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Warrant
upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: