

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113691
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3183

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM ROBERT SAMPSON DOB: 11/02/1982

541 Doran Drive
Madison Lake, MN 56063

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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: Rodents-Clean, potable water in sufficient quantity

Minnesota Statute: 346.41.2, with reference to: 346.44

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/15/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26000402

Charge Description: On or about June 15, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, William Robert Sampson, did fail to provide a pet rodent with clean, potable water in sufficient quantity to satisfy the animal's needs or by free choice.

COUNT II

Charge: Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Deprive of Food/Shelter-M

Minnesota Statute: 343.21.2, with reference to: 343.21.9(a)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/15/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26000402

Charge Description: On or about June 15, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, William Robert Sampson did deprive any animal over which the person has charge or control of necessary food, water, or shelter.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the afternoon on June 15, 2026, Witness 1 requested a welfare check for two sons she has in common with William Robert Sampson (DOB: 11/02/1982). The young boys are currently living with Sampson at Address 1 in Blue Earth County, which is not where Witness 1 lives.

Witness 1 was also concerned about two guinea pigs she and Sampson purchased as pets in October 2025, and that were supposed to be living at Address 1.

Officer Boone from the Madison Lake Police Department went to Address 1 and determined the minor children were ok. Boone also asked Sampson about the guinea pigs, and Sampson told Boone that Sampson's sister, Witness 2, had the guinea pigs. Witness 2 later called police and advised she did not have the guinea pigs.

The following day, Boone returned to Address 1 to conduct another welfare check after learning the city water line to Address 1 was shut off because of unpaid water utility bills. Boone spoke with Sampson again about the guinea pigs and Sampson said they died because they did not get water. Sampson said he wanted to eat the guinea pigs.

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

Brennen W Haas
525 Main St
Madison Lake, MN 56063

Electronically Signed:
08/04/2026 02:08 PM
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:
07/28/2026 04:15 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:

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 4, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/04/2026 02:47 PM

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.

William Robert Sampson

Defendant

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE

*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this
Summons upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: