

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113485
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2169

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NICHOLAS PETER SANTO DOB: 11/27/2003

616 9th Avenue Nw
Waseca, MN 56093

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: 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): 05/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26016427

Charge Description: On or about May 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Nicholas Peter Santo did commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death within three years of a previous qualified domestic violence-related offense conviction or adjudication of delinquency.

COUNT II

Charge: Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer

Minnesota Statute: 609.50.1(2)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26016427

Charge Description: On or about May 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Nicholas Peter Santo did, intentionally, obstruct, resist, or interfere with a peace officer while the officer is engaged in the performance of official duties.

COUNT III

Charge: Disorderly Conduct - Offensive/Abusive/Boisterous/Noisy/Obscene

Minnesota Statute: 609.72.1(3)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26016427

Charge Description: On or about May 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Nicholas Peter Santo did, in a public or private place, including on a school bus, knowing, or having reasonable grounds to know it will, or will tend to, alarm, anger or disturb others or provoke an assault or breach of the peace, engaged in offensive, obscene, abusive, boisterous, or noisy conduct or in offensive, obscene, or abusive language tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger, or resentment in others.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On May 28, 2026, officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to the emergency department in Mankato, Minnesota, Blue Earth County, on report that a drunk and suicidal patient had begun threatening staff.

Officers arrived and learned that the suspect was Nicholas Peter Santo (dob 11/27/2003). Santo was uncooperative with hospital staff who advised him he needed to move rooms. Santo began threatening staff. Santo was also making derogatory comments/names to the doctor based on their race.

Officers spoke with Victim 1, a nurse. Victim 1 stated that Santo came to the hospital from Waseca County and he was drunk and suicidal. Santo was argumentative with staff. Staff tried to de-escalate him. Instead, Santo began threatening Victim 1, including stating he was going to hit her as she approached him. Victim 1 had to leave the room as she was in fear Santo would hurt her.

Officers also spoke with the security guard who was in the room. The security guard stated they tried to de-escalate Santo but he began threatening to hit staff.

Officers spoke with Santo who was not cooperative. Santo physically resisted officers attempt to place him in handcuffs. Santo was eventually brought to jail.

Santo has a 2025 conviction for violating a harassment restraining order in file 81-CR-25-704.

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:
05/28/2026 12:47 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
05/28/2026 10:31 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 28, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/28/2026 01:17 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

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Nicholas Peter Santo

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: