

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113338
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1794

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DEREK DARBY RUTH DOB: 05/17/1989

49855 127th Street
Amboy, MN 56010

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-3rd Degree-Substantial Bodily Harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.223.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/27/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013671

Charge Description: On or about April 27, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Derek Darby Ruth did assault another, and inflicted substantial bodily harm.

COUNT II

Charge: Domestic Assault-GM-Subsequent Violation

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 04/27/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013671

Charge Description: On or about April 27, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Derek Darby Ruth, did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflict or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another and has a previous qualified domestic violence-related offense conviction or an adjudication of delinquency within ten years.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the evening on May 3, 2026, Officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a location in the City of Mankato following a report of a suspicious circumstance involving two individuals inside their vehicle. When Officer Gelle arrived to that location, he observed a vehicle outside of a parking spot in an open area with a male and female nearby.

The male advised he had locked the keys to the vehicle in the trunk. The driver's door was open and under the steering console, Officer Gelle saw a wrench with what appeared to be metal shavings on the ground. Gelle reported this is consistent with efforts to tamper with or steal a motor vehicle by accessing the steering console or ignition.

The male closed the door and took a step back from Gelle. To Gelle, the male appeared to become nervous, starting to stumble over the male's words and looking around a lot. Gelle then noticed the female, Victim 1, was walking away from the area. The male later identified the female. Gelle provided a description of Victim 1 and asked Officer Hickey to speak with her about an ongoing investigation. The male was later identified as Derek Darby Ruth (DOB: 05/17/1989).

When Officer Hickey arrived in the area, he observed a female matching the description provided. Hickey made contact with the female and told her she was being detained. The female was identified as Victim 1. Sergeant Wood went to Hickey's location to assist.

Wood observed Victim 1 had an obvious injury to her right arm. It was wrapped in a cast that went from her elbow to her pinky finger. Her fingers were puffy and swollen. She said repeatedly that Ruth had broken her finger and she was trying to distance herself from Ruth tonight. She said she thought Ruth was going to hurt her again that night, and she was glad police showed up.

Victim 1 said Ruth broke Victim 1's finger at Business 1 in Blue Earth County, on or around April 27, 2026. Ruth and Victim 1 have been in a significant romantic relationship for about a year. Victim 1 provided Wood with significant detail about the circumstances surrounding the assault by Ruth, including a doctor's opinion that Victim 1's injury was a "horrific break." Victim 1 provided Wood with medical records relating to the injury. Victim 1 expressed concern that Ruth is capable of causing even more serious injury to Victim 1 or even death.

Ruth was convicted of Threats of Violence, a qualified domestic violence-related offense, on May 10, 2022.

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:
05/05/2026 10:27 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:
05/05/2026 10:07 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.

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: May 5, 2026.

Judicial Officer Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/05/2026 10:32 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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Derek Darby Ruth

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: