

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113259
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1591

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KORDELL KEVIN MECHURA DOB: 03/31/1996

36605 110th St.
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: Traffic - DWI - Refuse to submit to chemical test; Breath or test refusal or failure

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.2(1), with reference to: 169A.26.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 04/20/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26200611

Charge Description: On or about April 20, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Kordell Kevin Mechura, did drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle and the Defendant refused to submit to a chemical test of the person's breath upon the request of a peace officer who had probable cause to believe the person to be tested was under the influence.

COUNT II

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

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.26.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 04/20/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26200611

Charge Description: On or about April 20, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Kordell Kevin Mechura, did drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On April 18, 2026, at approximately 11:13 AM, Trooper Timothy Knutson with the Minnesota State Patrol was traveling westbound on Highway 14 in Blue Earth County when he observed a gray 2015 Dodge Charger. The Charger was westbound and traveling at slower speeds than the surrounding traffic. There were two vehicles directly behind the Charger and traffic was backing up.

Trooper Knutson observed the Charger cross the fog line on two occasions. Trooper Knutson effectuated a traffic stop. Trooper Knutson positioned his squad car behind the Charger after the stop. As Trooper Knutson began to exit his squad car the Charger backed into the squad car at a slow speed.

Trooper Knutson approached the Charger and identified the lone occupant as Kevin Mechura Kordell. Kordell claimed that he had irritation in his left eye and that is why he had been driving poorly. Kordell denied drinking any alcoholic beverages or using any street drugs.

Trooper Knutson attempted to have Kordell submit to field sobriety tests. Kordell initially agreed but then refused to conduct any field sobriety tests after partially completing the horizontal gaze nystagmus test. Trooper Knutson noticed that Kordell's speech was over enunciated, slow and slurred and that Kordell had watery and glassy eyes.

Trooper Knutson placed Kordell in his squad car. Trooper Knutson asked Kordell again when he had consumed his last drink and Kordell stated at approximately 4:00 AM he had drank "a lot" of vodka. Kordell refused to take a PBT.

Trooper Knutson read to Kordell the implied consent advisory. Kordell refused to take a test.

A check of Kordell's criminal history reveals that Kordell has a previous DWI conviction from December 1, 2020 (Blue Earth County file 07-CR-20-2846).

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

Gabe Cornish
MINNESOTA STATE TROOPER
LIEUTENANT
2171 Bassett Drive
Mankato, MN 56001-6888
Badge: 2203

Electronically Signed:
04/20/2026 09:42 AM
Blue earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
04/20/2026 09:37 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: April 20, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 04/20/2026 09:56 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

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Kordell Kevin Mechura

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: