

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114094
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3595

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NATHANIEL TODD BAUERNFEIND DOB: 02/01/1999

1020 Ave Court
Mankato, MN 56001

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: Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle

Minnesota Statute: 609.487.3

Maximum Sentence: 3 years and one day or \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26018214

Charge Description: On or about August 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Nathaniel Todd Bauernfeind did by means of a motor vehicle, flee or attempt to flee a peace officer who is acting in the lawful discharge of an official duty, and the perpetrator knows or should reasonably know the same to be a peace officer.

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(5), with reference to: 169A.27.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26018214

Charge Description: On or about August 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Nathaniel Todd Bauernfeind, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when his/her alcohol concentration at the time, or as measured within two hours of the time, of driving, operating or being in physical control of the motor vehicle was 0.08 or more.

COUNT III

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

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.27.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26018214

Charge Description: On or about August 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Nathaniel Todd Bauernfeind, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he was under the influence of alcohol.

COUNT IV

Charge: Traffic - Reckless driving; Drives Consciously Disregarding a Substantial or Unjustifiable Risk

Minnesota Statute: 169.13.1(a), with reference to: 169.13.1(c)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26018214

Charge Description: On or about August 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Nathaniel Todd Bauernfeind, did drive any vehicle or light rail transit vehicle while aware of and consciously disregarding a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the driving may result in harm to another or another's property and that risk was of such a nature and degree that disregard of it constituted a significant deviation from the standard of conduct that a reasonable person would observe in the situation.

COUNT V

Charge: Traffic Regulation - Motorcycle - Driving on street or highway without endorsement

Minnesota Statute: 169.974.2(a)

Maximum Sentence: \$300 fine

Offense Level: Petty Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26018214

Charge Description: On or about August 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Nathaniel Todd Bauernfeind, did operate a motorcycle on any street or highway without having a valid standard driver's license with a two-wheeled vehicle endorsement.

COUNT VI

Charge: Traffic Regulation - Failure to Stop at Stop Signs or Stop Lines at Entrance to Through Highway

Minnesota Statute: 169.30(b), with reference to: 169.305.3

Maximum Sentence: \$300 fine.

Offense Level: Petty Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26018214

Charge Description: On or about August 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Nathaniel

Todd Bauernfeind, did fail to stop at a stop sign or at a clearly marked stop line before entering the intersection.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 28, 2026, Deputy Madson of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office was on patrol within the City of Mankato in a fully marked squad car when he observed a motorcycle drive through a stop sign on Stadium Road without stopping. Deputy Madson activated his emergency lights and made a U-turn in order to initiate a traffic stop on the motorcycle, driven by Nathaniel Todd Bauernfeind (DOB: 02/01/1999). As Deputy Madson made his U-turn, the motorcycle revved its engine loudly and accelerated.

Deputy Madson activated his emergency siren as well as the motorcycle accelerated and attempted to flee. Deputy Madson pursued Bauernfeind through West Pleasant and Stoltzman Road. Deputy Madson noted that Bauernfeind was passing multiple vehicles in no passing zones and drove through a 4-way stop sign without stopping. Deputy Madson continued his pursuit of the motorcycle on to Riverfront Drive where Bauernfeind reached speeds of 85 mph in a 30 mph zone while Deputy Madson was in pursuit of the motorcycle.

Bauernfeind entered a business on Riverfront Drive that was a dead end. Deputy Madson noted that Bauernfeind then surrendered. Bauernfeind was placed in handcuffs and Deputy Lewis arrived on scene to speak with Bauernfeind. Deputy Lewis stated that he believed Bauernfeind was under the influence of alcohol.

While speaking with Bauernfeind, Deputy Lewis noted a strong odor of a consumed alcoholic beverage. Deputy Lewis also noted that Bauernfeind's eyelids were droopy, his eyes were watery and bloodshot, and that Bauernfeind was slurring his words. Deputy Lewis performed Standardized Field Sobriety Testing with Bauernfeind. Deputy Lewis performed the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus ("HGN") test with Bauernfeind and noted 6 of a possible 6 clues. Deputy Lewis noted that when standing closer to Bauernfeind the odor of an alcoholic beverage became stronger.

After completing the HGN test, Deputy Lewis offered for Bauernfeind to perform a PBT test, which Bauernfeind declined to take. Bauernfeind was placed under arrest and placed in the squad car. Bauernfeind was transported back to the Blue Earth County Jail and was read the Implied Consent Advisory within two hours of his driving conduct. Bauernfeind declined to speak with an attorney and agreed to take the DMT alcohol test. Bauernfeind provided a breath sample of .15 BAC within two hours of his driving conduct.

Deputy Madson also noted that Bauernfeind's motorcycle permit was expired at the time of this incident.

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

Brian L Martin
Lieutenant
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2723

Electronically Signed:
08/31/2026 10:04 AM
Blue Earth County,

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Benjamin R. Chapman
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
08/31/2026 09:57 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: August 31, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/31/2026 10:22 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.

Nathaniel Todd Bauernfeind

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: