

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112805
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2379

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ELOY JAMES STIER DOB: 08/04/1987

59769 203rd Street
Mankato, MN 56001

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: Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.52.3(4)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/07/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26003872

Charge Description: On or about February 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Eloy James Stier did, intentionally and without claim of right take, use, transfer, conceal or retain possession of the movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property and the value of the property or services stolen exceeded \$500.00 but was less than \$1,000.00.

COUNT II

Charge: Financial Transaction Card Fraud-Use-No Consent

Minnesota Statute: 609.821.2(1), with reference to: 609.821.3(a)(1)(v)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/07/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26003872

Charge Description: On or about February 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Eloy James Stier did without the consent of the cardholder, and knowing the cardholder had not given consent, use or attempt to use a card to obtain the property of another or public assistance benefit issued for the use of another and the value of the property is not more than \$250.00.

COUNT III

Charge: Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(a)(1), with reference to: 152.025.4(a)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/07/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26003872

Charge Description: On or about February 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Eloy James Stier, did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except heroin or a small amount of marijuana, and the mixture does not include any amount of a controlled substance in a fluid used in a water pipe, and the weight of the substance is less than .25 grams or one dosage unit or less and the person has not been previously convicted of a violation of Chapter 152.

COUNT IV

Charge: Introduce Contraband-Drug/Liquor into Jail/Lockup/Prison

Minnesota Statute: 641.165.2(a)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/07/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26003872

Charge Description: On or about February 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Eloy James Stier did, introduce or in any manner caused the introduction of contraband into any jail, lockup, or correctional facility, without the consent of the person in charge, or is found in possession of contraband while within the facility or upon the grounds thereof.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

After noon on February 7, 2026, Witness 1 contacted the North Mankato Police Department regarding a stolen smartphone. Witness 1 called on behalf of Witness 1's wife, Victim 1. Witness 1 reported Victim 1 used the restroom at Business 1 and then discovered twenty minutes later that Victim 1's smartphone was missing. Attached to the smartphone's case were a Silver American Express Card and a gift card. Witness 1 reported four fraudulent transactions that occurred shortly after the smartphone was stolen. The total of the purchases was \$211.73. The value of the phone is approximately \$300.00.

Victim 1 used the Find my iPhone application to determine the location of Victim 1's smartphone. Victim 1 provided the related information to law enforcement who went to a business in downtown Mankato, following the location information generated by the Find my iPhone application. Near that business officers observed two males lying on the sidewalk who got up and started walking away when the men noticed the officers. The males then stopped and talked with two females. Officers approached the four individuals and advised they were looking for parties involved in a recent theft. When the males separated from the females, the females told officers the males were the individuals the officers were seeking. Officers pursued the men and told them to stop.

Officer McMonagle observed one of the males wrap his hand around his body, seemingly placing something between the male's butt checks. The male was later identified as Eloy James Stier (DOB: 08/04/1987). McMonagle asked Stier about the stolen smartphone and Stier said he took the smartphone because, "it was sitting there." Stier claimed he intended to take the phone to the used phone bin at the mall, where Stier thought he could get money for depositing it there. Stier acknowledged there was a payment card in the back of the phone and said it may have been used. Stier produced two payment cards belonging to Victim 1 out of a bag in Stier's possession.

After Stier was arrested, police questioned Witness 2, the other male with Stier. Witness 2 had a bottle of liquor Witness 2 said was purchased at a nearby business with a payment card Stier had. In the course of its investigation, police learned from Victim 1 the smartphone was actually stolen from Business 3 in Blue Earth County.

Officers transported Stier to the Blue Earth County Jail. While there, they observed Stier pull down his pants, reach around behind himself and pull a white baggie from his buttocks area. Stier then laid on the floor next to a toilet and attempted to scatter and hide the contents of the baggie. Jail staff recovered the item and learned there were a few whitish/crystalline chunks with an estimated weight less than .25 grams that preliminarily tested positive for methamphetamine.

On February 9, 2026, Witness 3 reported a theft of an advanced smoke detector system from Business 4. Stier had been transported there in the evening on February 6, 2026. The following morning, staff at Business 4 received notification of tampering with the system in a single-occupant bathroom.

A little while later, after Stier was escorted out of Business 4 for different reasons, staff discovered the system was missing. Police reviewed surveillance video footage outside the bathroom around the time of the tampering notification and observed Stier was the only person to enter the bathroom during that timeframe. The system was later discovered in Stier's backpack with items on receipts, also in Stier's bag, from businesses where Victim 1's payment card was used for fraudulent purchases.

Though the supplier of the smoke detector system refused to provide an estimate for the value of the system, which Business 4 leases, it noted the cost to service it yearly is \$180.00.

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

Jacob Price
Police Officer
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3137

Electronically Signed:
06/11/2026 05:02 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:
06/11/2026 11:07 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.

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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: June 12, 2026.

Judicial Officer Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/12/2026 10:37 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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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: