

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114145
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3720

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSHUA JAMES ANDERSON DOB: 12/20/2005

110 N Hudson Avenue
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: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/04/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26028479

Charge Description: On or about September 4, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joshua James Anderson, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

COUNT II

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): 09/04/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26028479

Charge Description: On or about September 4, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joshua James Anderson 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 September 4, 2026, officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a complaint of an individual threatening people and calling them racist names near a residence within the City of Mankato. The complainant, Victim 4, had called to report that an individual was threatening his family and another individual with him had a knife.

Officer Wright responded to the residence and spoke with one of the victims, Victim 1. Victim 1 stated that an individual, later identified as Joshua James Anderson (DOB: 12/20/2005), had been harassing her and her family for several days.

Victim 1 told Officer Wright that Anderson had been repeatedly calling her, as well as Victim 2 and Victim 3 racist names based on their race and color of their skin. Victim 1 noted that she and her family had just recently moved into this residence and Anderson and another individual had been harassing them and calling them racial slurs.

Victim 1 informed Officer Wright that, on September 4th, Anderson and the other individual had been doing burnouts in the yard of Victim 1's property. Victim 1 stated that Anderson and the other individual were calling Victim 1, Victim 2, and Victim 3 racial slurs. Specifically, Victim 1 told Officer Wright that Anderson was calling them "niggers," "tar babies," and "porch monkeys." Victim 1 informed Officer Wright that Anderson then threatened to kill Victim 1, Victim 2, and Victim 3. Victim 1 stated that the individual with Anderson at the time was holding a knife and that Victim 1 was afraid for her safety and the safety of her family, including Victim 2 and Victim 3.

Officers spoke with Victim 2 and Victim 3 who provided information consistent to what Victim 1 told Officer Wright. Officers conducted a traffic stop on Anderson and placed him under arrest. Officers conducted a show-up and Victim 1 positively identified Anderson as the individual that had been driving the vehicle, calling them racist names, and threatening to kill Victim 1, Victim 2, and Victim 3. Victim 1 also provided Officers with a picture from the incident that identified Anderson as the driver of the vehicle and the individual making the threats.

Officers also spoke with the complainant, Victim 4, again who stated that a similar incident had occurred the night before with Anderson making threats and racist comments toward Victim 1, Victim 2, Victim 3, and Victim 4. Officers also noted tire marks in the yard, as described by Victim 1.

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:
09/08/2026 10:19 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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:
09/08/2026 09:29 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: September 8, 2026.

Judicial Officer Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/08/2026 10:27 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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Joshua James Anderson

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: