

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113175
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1720

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JALEN AMARU REED DOB: 09/02/2000

207 James Avenue
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: Indecent Exposure While Confining or Restricting a Person's Freedom - Felony

Minnesota Statute: 617.23.3(2)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26004210

Charge Description: On or about February 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jalen Amaru Reed, did, in any public place or in any place where others are present, willfully and lewdly expose the person's body, or other private parts and the violation was committed in the presence of another person while intentionally confining that person or otherwise intentionally restricting that person's freedom to move.

COUNT II

Charge: False Imprisonment-Intentional Restraint

Minnesota Statute: 609.255.2

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26004210

Charge Description: On or about February 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jalen Amaru Reed, did, knowingly lacking lawful authority to do so, intentionally confined or restrained another person without the person's consent.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On 2/10/2026, Officer Christ of the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to the lobby of the Public Safety Center for a report that an adult male had “trapped” the complainant’s 16-year-old daughter in a house.

Witness 1 reported that Victim 1 was 16 years old and that the man who trapped her was Jalen Amaru Reed (DOB: 09/02/2000). Reed is a registered predatory offender based on a 2021 conviction for Third-Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct in Court File # 40-CR-20-342.

Officer Christ spoke with Victim 1. She reported that on 2/05/2026, after school, she went to a residence in the City of Mankato. Victim 1 took an Uber to the residence that she believed had been ordered for her by her friend. Victim 1 received a message on Snapchat from the “friend” who stated there was a birthday present for Victim 1 at the address.

When Victim 1 arrived at the residence, Reed was the only person present. Victim 1 looked around the house for her friend, but she did not find her. Reed admitted to Victim 1 that he had messaged Victim 1 using his sister’s Snapchat account. Victim 1 believed that Reed also arranged the Uber. Victim 1 knew Reed as the older brother of her friend who she thought sent the Snapchat messages.

Reed told Victim 1 that he was in love with her and wanted her to go upstairs with him and have sex. Reed spoke with Victim 1 in a bedroom upstairs in the residence. He had shut the door and physically blocked it while speaking with Victim 1.

Victim 1 attempted to leave the bedroom, but Reed grabbed her by the arm, pulled her back into the room, and shut the door again. Victim 1 told Reed multiple times that she wanted to leave. Reed physically prevented her from leaving. Victim 1 recorded audio of Reed telling Victim 1 that he loved her.

While in the room, Reed told Victim 1 that he wanted to touch her and wanted her to touch him. Reed told Victim 1 that he wanted her to watch him while he “did stuff.” Reed then exposed his penis and began to masturbate. Reed masturbated for approximately 10 minutes in front of Victim 1. Reed became upset because Victim 1 was not watching him masturbate. Victim 1 then fled the house and ran to a bus stop. Officers located surveillance footage of Victim 1 and observed Victim 1 getting onto a bus. Victim 1 estimated she was in the room for between 30 minutes and one hour.

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:
04/29/2026 03:50 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

John L.V. Brooks
Assistant Blue Earth County
Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

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04/29/2026 02:41 PM

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: April 29, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Susan DeVos

Electronically Signed: 04/29/2026 05:14 PM

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.

Jalen Amaru Reed

Defendant

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: