

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113022
Court File No. 07-CR-26-974

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

JERRY DELL POWERS DOB: 01/31/1981

101 Glenwood Avenue #409
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

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: Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess - Methamphet/Amphetamine in School/Park/Pub Housing Zone

Minnesota Statute: 152.023.2(a)(6)

Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$250,000, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/09/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26007124

Charge Description: On or about March 9, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jerry Dell Powers did unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures containing methamphetamine or amphetamine in a school zone, a park zone, a public housing zone, or a drug treatment facility.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 9, 2026, Law Enforcement made contact with Jerry Powers at Residence within the City of Mankato, located within Blue Earth County. Powers was arrested for outstanding warrants on separate matters. During that arrest Powers asked Officers to retrieve his bags from the top level on the 4th floor.

Powers was secured in the back of Officer Cogswell's squad vehicle, Officer Jesse Gilbertson of the Mankato Department of Public Safety retrieved Powers bags as he had requested. The bags were brought back to Mankato Department of Public Safety's Office due to the number of bags. Once the bags were brought back to the sally port Officer Gilbertson conducted a search of the property to ensure no hazardous materials were inside. While conducting a search of Power's gray backpack Officer Gilbertson observed a bubble pipe with burnt residue of an open black zippered pouch. Also inside the backpack were two additional glass bubble pipes with burnt residue and unburnt white residue on the inside. Glass bubble pipes like these are commonly used to smoke methamphetamine. Also inside of the bag was a small plastic gem baggie with powdery residue inside. These items were later Nik tested and were positive for Methamphetamine.

Officer Gilbertson reviewed his GIS application and found that the residence where Powers was located nearly encompassed within a 300-foot buffer zone of an Apartment Complex which is a drug enforcement zone-public housing.

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

Jesse Gilbertson
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3126

Electronically Signed:
03/10/2026 10:20 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
03/10/2026 09:47 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: March 10, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/10/2026 10:27 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.

Jerry Dell Powers

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: