

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112818
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1386

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

OMNI MAXX MORNINGSTAR DOB: 03/04/2000

520 James Avenue #102
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: Manslaughter - 2nd Degree - Culpable Negligence Creating Unreasonable Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.205(1)

Maximum Sentence: 10 years or \$20,000 or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/01/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25028306

Charge Description: On or about October 1, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Omni Maxx Morningstar did cause the death of another by his culpable negligence whereby he created an unreasonable risk, and consciously took chances of causing death or great bodily harm to another.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 1, 2025, at 3:54 PM, officers of the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a medical call in which a one year-old child was not breathing. Officers and firefighters arrived on scene and observed Victim (a child less than 1 year of age) lying supine on the ground. The child's father, Omni Maxx Morningstar (DOB 03/04/2000), was present. When officers inquired of a firefighter what the situation was, Morningstar responded "a practically dead baby". It should be noted, during the course of the investigation Morningstar reported to officers he is autistic.

First responders administered life saving measures. They noted there were no signs of life on Victim. Victim was not breathing, had no pulse, and appeared cyanotic. Victim's hands and feet were cold, and Victim's chest and abdomen were warm. Victim was transported to a hospital where Victim was pronounced dead at 4:54 PM.

Officers spoke to Morningstar at the scene. Morningstar indicated he did not understand how Victim's temperature could have sky-rocketed like it did. Morningstar stated Victim's temperature "was only 105, but you know what's interesting, [Victim] exhibits the same symptoms as someone was 108". Morningstar indicated he checked the temperature of Victim's chest. Morningstar indicated Victim felt like Victim was on fire and he checked Victim's temp and it was 104.7. He also stated Victim's lips were purple and blue and Victim's arms were pale and wrinkly.

Morningstar stated he laid Victim down for a nap, face down on the bed, and placed a 20lb weighted blanket to cover Victim up to Victim's shoulder blades at 11:00. Morningstar stated he went to check on Victim at 3:55 PM and found Victim unresponsive, very warm, and Victim's temperature was 104.7. He reported he removed the weighted blanket from Victim. He told first responding officers the last time he saw Victim was 5 hours prior when he put Victim to sleep, and he never personally checked on Victim during that time.

Morningstar also told officers Victim had a history of getting fevers and Victim had a difficult time maintaining Victim's temperature. He reported Victim had previously been taken to the hospital "quite a bit", and Victim was a colicky baby. When discussing Victim being colicky, Morningstar responded that that was what the weighted blanket was for and it worked every single time. Morningstar also stated Victim "did jump temperatures twice. And we called one of those times. Basically what happened is the exact same condition as today but [Victim] was colicky". Morningstar further stated, "I'm thinking in my head like, 5 hours. Huh. I really do wish I would have checked on him. I mean it only happened twice before. It spiked two times and we fixed him two times." He further stated that to generate a 104 temperature, Victim has to scream...whenever you put the blanket on Victim, Victim was always the same temp, but when Victim wakes up screaming that's when Victim would start to get really hot.

Morningstar stated they started using a weighted blanket 4 or 5 months ago to keep Victim's legs from moving and as Victim got stronger, Morningstar would fold it in different ways to apply more weight. Morningstar stated Victim has overheated two previous times that he could count, and one of those incidents resulted in a hospital visit as Victim had a 104 degree temperature. Morningstar stated he had been cautioned about using a blanket at the hospital.

Morningstar later indicated the weighted blanket he put on Victim was a 12lb blanket, and he folded it. He clarified that Victim was in bed and woke up at 9:00 AM. Morningstar indicated Victim was perfectly healthy [in the morning] and Victim was given a bottle. Morningstar indicated he then placed Victim face down on the bed, and Morningstar put a 12lb weighted blanket over Victim below the shoulders. Morningstar then left the room at around 11:00 AM, and did not go back to check on Victim until shortly

before calling 911.

Officers located a computer in Morningstar's bedroom, the room Morningstar stated he was in after putting Victim down in the other bedroom. Morningstar stated he left the bedroom door open that Victim was in, but shut his own bedroom door while he was in there and he was working on Discord and talking to friends. Morningstar stated he had his headphones on, but claimed he could still hear everything. Headphones that were still turned on were located in Victim's room.

Morningstar further admitted to covering Victim's head on prior occasions with blankets to help with Victim's scream. Morningstar told Witness 2 he covered Victim's head and wears headphones to muffle Victim's screams.

On the bed Victim was placed in officers located multiple blankets, including multiple weighted blankets that weighted just under 20lbs and large comforters.

Witness 2, Victim's mother, told officers they have used weighted blankets on Victim. Witness 2 indicated that Morningstar has put a weighted blanket on Victim and then covered Victim with a comforter to muffle the sound of crying. Witness 2 stated that approximately 1 month prior to the incident, she came home and Victim was covered head to toe in a king sized blanket and Victim had a temperature of 104-105 degrees, so she called 911. Morningstar told her he forgot about Victim because Morningstar was playing video games.

The Medical Examiner determined Victim's cause of death was probable asphyxia due to compression by weighted blanket.

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

Samuel McGinnis
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803

Electronically Signed:
04/06/2026 07:58 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Todd Coryell
Assistant County Attorney
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Electronically Signed:
04/06/2026 04:09 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 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: April 7, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 04/07/2026 08:10 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.

Omni Maxx Morningstar

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: