

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113241
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1546

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

JESUS VALENZUELA JR DOB: 08/14/1992

203 Conifer Terrace
Le Sueur, MN 56058-1364

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: Domestic Abuse - Violate Order for Protection

Minnesota Statute: 518B.01.14(a), with reference to: 518B.01.14(d)(1)

Maximum Sentence: 30 days to 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26007650

Charge Description: On or about April 14, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jesus Valenzuela Jr did violate an order for protection granted by a judge or referee and the violation occurred within ten years of the first of two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 16, 2026, The Honorable Bradley C. Walker, Judge of District Court, issued an Ex Parte Order for Protection (“OFP”) in Court File No. 07-FA-26-1055. The OFP lists Victim 1 as the Protected Person and Jesus Valenzuela, Jr. (DOB: 08/14/1992) as the Respondent. The OFP states that “Respondent must not have any contact with [Victim 1] whether in person, with or through other persons, by telephone, mail, e-mail, through electronic devices, social media, or by any other means. Respondent is prohibited from being within 100 feet of the home of [Victim 1] at Address 1.”

Valenzuela was personally served with a copy of the OFP on March 18, 2026, by Deputy Hermel from the Le Sueur County Sheriff’s Office.

In the morning on April 14, 2026, Deputy Kowalski from the Blue Earth County Attorney’s Office attempted unsuccessfully to serve a subpoena upon Victim 1 at Address 1, which is in Blue Earth County. A few hours later, Victim 1’s mother, Witness 1, contacted dispatch and asked why a police officer was at Witness 1’s residence. Deputy Kowalski called Witness 1 and explained the reason. Witness 1 commented that Witness 1 had wondered whether Kowalski was at Witness 1’s residence to arrest Valenzuela for violating the OFP, noting that Valenzuela was inside the residence at Address 1 with Victim 1, Valenzuela’s current or former girlfriend.

Victim 1 filed a Petition for Order for Protection on March 16, 2026, indicating Victim 1 and Valenzuela were in a significant romantic or sexual relationship from September 1, 2024, until March 15, 2026.

Kowalski returned to Address 1 and observed a male sitting in the driver seat of a vehicle in the driveway. Kowalski confirmed the male was Valenzuela. Valenzuela acknowledged knowing the OFP was still active. Kowalski allowed Valenzuela to make a phone call. Valenzuela called his sister and told her he had arrived to Address 1 and Witness 1 had told Valenzuela to leave.

During transport to the Blue Earth County jail, Valenzuela told Kowalski that Valenzuela and Victim 1 routinely communicate with each other by phone.

Valenzuela has been convicted of the following qualified domestic violence-related offenses in the last ten years: (1) Domestic Assault (felony) – Court File No. 70-CR-20-14116 – convicted July 12, 2023; (2) Assault-5th Degree – Court File No. 40-CR-20-1051 – convicted August 11, 2021; (3) DANCO violation (gross misdemeanor) – Court File No. 07-CR-21-778 – convicted April 19, 2021; (4) DANCO violation (gross misdemeanor) – Court File No. 07-CR-21-483 – convicted April 19, 2021; and (5) Violate No-Contact Order (felony) – Court File No. 52-CR-20-443 – convicted April 6, 2021.

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

Paul Barta
Captain
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2721

Electronically Signed:
04/15/2026 10:06 AM
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:
04/15/2026 10:02 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: April 15, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 04/15/2026 10:31 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.

Jesus Valenzuela Jr

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: