

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113142
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3136

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

ZACKERY THOMAS ELY DOB: 04/13/1980

40438 281st Avenue
Lesueur, MN 56058-4198

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: Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Value Reduced Over \$1000

Minnesota Statute: 609.595.1(4)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/12/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26004453

Charge Description: On or about February 12, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Zackery Thomas Ely did intentionally cause damage to another person's physical property without the other person's consent, and the damage reduced the value of the property by more than \$1,000.00, as measured by the cost of repair and replacement.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In February 2026, Officer Wagner of the Mankato Department of Public Safety spoke with Victim 1 regarding damage to his vehicle that occurred on February 12, 2026. Victim 1 told Officer Wagner that two of his tires had been slashed. Victim 1 stated that he had a video of the person that did it.

Victim 1 explained that his vehicle has cameras and captured a white male that had stabbed two of his tires. Victim 1 estimated the damage to be approximately \$1,200 because he would likely need to replace all four the tires. Victim 1 provided law enforcement with the video footage.

Law enforcement investigated who the suspect was and learned that it was possibly Zackery Thomas Ely. Officer Wagner later spoke with Witness 1 who observed the video footage. Witness 1 is very familiar with Ely and identified Ely as the suspect.

Officer Wagner also observed a driver's license picture of Ely and compared it to the suspect. Officer Wagner identified the suspect as Ely.

Officer Wagner made numerous attempts to try to contact Ely for a statement. Ely did not return any of Officer Wagner's calls.

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:
08/03/2026 10:17 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Taylor Fast
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
08/03/2026 10:09 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: August 3, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/03/2026 10:27 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

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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: