

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113391  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1933

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**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Summons

vs.

**FRANK JAMES TESDAHL DOB: 08/23/1978**

20302 607th Avenue  
Eagle Lake, MN 56024

Defendant.

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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: Traffic-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety**

Minnesota Statute: 171.24.5

Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009923

Charge Description: On or about May 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Frank James Tesdahl did after being given notice, or reasonably should have known of the cancellation, disobeyed the order by operating in this state any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, while her/his license or privilege was canceled; and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has determined that the operation of a motor vehicle on the highways by the person would be inimical to the public safety or welfare.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On May 11, 2026, at 6:53 p.m., Deputy Kowalski of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office responded to a motor vehicle crash in Pemberton, Blue Earth County, MN.

He encountered Frank James Tesdahl (DOB: 08/23/1978) who had been driving one of the vehicles. Deputy Kowalski spoke with Tesdahl about his driving status. Deputy Kowalski advised Tesdahl that his driving status showed DAC-IPS and that he was not supposed to be driving. Tesdahl stated that he believed his license status had been restored.

## 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:  
05/12/2026 01:57 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

Electronically Signed:  
05/12/2026 01:44 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.

*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: May 12, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**

Kristine Weeks  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/12/2026 02:12 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.

**Frank James Tesdahl**

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: