

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114291
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4072

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DENNIS CORDELLE BUTTROM DOB: 09/12/1986

410 Sibley Parkway #303
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

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 Assault-GM-Subsequent Violation

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/27/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26031181

Charge Description: On or about September 27, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Dennis Cordelle Buttrom, did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflicted or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another and has a previous qualified domestic violence-related offense conviction or an adjudication of delinquency within ten years.

COUNT II

Charge: Emergency Telephone Calls/Communications - Place Fictitious Emergency 911 Call to Prompt Response

Minnesota Statute: 609.78.2(2)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/27/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26031181

Charge Description: On or about September 27, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Dennis Cordelle Buttrom did place an emergency call and report a fictitious emergency with the intent of prompting an emergency response by law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical services personnel.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On September 27, 2026, law enforcement from the Mankato Department of Public Safety was dispatched to a residence located in the city of Mankato, within the County of Blue Earth. A male caller had come on the line and reported his stepdaughter was cutting herself, then hung up when the call was being transferred from Nicollet County Dispatch to the Blue Earth County Dispatch. While Officer Joel Hermanson was enroute to the residence dispatch had received another call from a female who stated the female involved was elementary aged and they did not require assistance. Officer Hermanson then ran a search for the number that had initially called and found prior contact and the number was associated with Denniss Buttrom (DOB:9-12-1986).

When Officer Hermanson arrived on scene he listened at the door for a moment he heard a female yelling from inside the residence. Witness 1 opened the door and informed Officer Hermanson that everything was okay. Witness 2 stated that it was fine for Officers to come in. Officers met with Witness 3, who is the mother of the four children living in the household advised everything was okay and that Officers could go upstairs and check on the children. Officer Hermanson then spoke with Witness 2. Witness 2 stated that Victim was okay and said that Buttrom was angry at Victim and tried to attack her by chasing her around the living room and trying to hit her. Witness 2 then led Officer Hermanson to her. Officer Hermanson then spoke with Victim. Officer Hermanson observed old self harm marks which appeared to be from previous self-harm incidents, but nothing as recent as today.

Victim appeared to be visibly upset and to have been crying recently. Victim stated that Buttrom is her mother's boyfriend and lives with them. Victim described the incident to Officer Hermanson as follows:

Victim was sitting on the couch and when Buttrom began to scold his daughter which is Victim's half-sister, he was sitting on the couch. Victim then began to yell at Buttrom, who responded with "shut the fuck up." Buttrom then told Victim to go to her room, and Victim refused. Buttrom then threatened to pick her up and throw her. Buttrom then pushed Victim while she was in her room which resulted in Victim hitting her head on a plastic stool. Victim then called her sister in which Buttrom slapped the phone out of Victim's hand. Buttrom then chased Victim around attempting to shover her. Witness 3 got involved and tackled Buttrom to get him to stop. Buttrom then left the residence with his daughter. Victim stated that she was scared because Buttrom tried to hurt her.

Officer Hermanson Observed that after speaking with Witnesses and Victim that the emergency that Buttrom described was not real as there were nor fresh self-harm marks on Victim's body. Victim and Witness's indicated that Victim was okay. There was no emergency medical services required. Witness 2 described Buttrom as having lost control. As well as others describing the incident. Witness 1 stated she has audio recordings of the incident.

Officer Coutier spoke with Witness 3 the mother of the children, and she denied that anything had occurred. She did, however, make remarks about protecting her daughters. Officer McCarville spoke with Buttrom who was located outside the home. Buttrom claimed nothing physical had occurred.

Officer Hermanson completed a review of Buttrom's criminal history and found the following relevant qualified domestic violence related offense conviction from 2020:

- 5th Degree Assault -January 3, 2020

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:
09/29/2026 09:41 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:
09/29/2026 09:36 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: September 29, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/29/2026 09:56 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.

Dennis Cordelle Buttrom

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: