

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114117
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3662

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANGEL GRACIA PALACIOS DOB: 03/22/1998

115 7th Avenue S
St James, MN 56081

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: Cannabis - 1st Degree - Possess more than 160 g but not more than 2 kg of cannabis concentrate

Minnesota Statute: 152.0263.1(2)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/01/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26028083

Charge Description: On or about September 1, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Angel Palacios Gracia Palacios, did, unlawfully possess more than 160 grams but not more than two kilograms of cannabis concentrate.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On September 1, 2026, Officer Herwig of the Mankato Department of Public Safety was on routine patrol within the City of Mankato when he observed a vehicle traveling near the intersection of Stadium Road and Monks Avenue. While the vehicle traveled past Officer Herwig, Officer Herwig noted that it had tint that was too dark on all driver and passenger side windows, as well as the windshield.

Officer Herwig ran the license plate and noted that the registered owner's driving status was revoked, so he conducted a traffic stop. Officer Herwig identified the driver, Witness 1, and the passenger Angel Gracia Palacios (DOB: 03/22/1998). Officer Herwig asked the driver, Witness 1, to roll down the rear windows as the rear windows were too tinted for Officer Herwig to be able to determine if there were any other passengers in the back seats.

Witness 1 rolled down the rear windows. When Witness 1 rolled the windows down, Officer Herwig noted a large box of illegal THC cannabis concentrate. The box contained 125 grams of cannabis concentrate.

Officer Herwig and Officer Walker ultimately searched the vehicle and found an additional box of illegal THC cannabis concentrate in the trunk. That box also contained 125 grams of cannabis concentrate.

Officer Herwig spoke with Witness 1. Witness 1 stated that he picked up Gracia Palacios to take him to a chiropractor appointment. However, instead, Gracia Palacios instructed Witness 1 to drive to someone's apartment near the area where Officer Herwig initially observed their vehicle. Witness 1 stated that Gracia Palacios met with a man and paid the man in cash for 250 grams of cannabis concentrate. Witness 1 stated that they then left the apartment and Gracia Palacios put one box of the cannabis concentrate in the trunk and one box in the back seat. Witness 1 indicated that Gracia Palacios was intending to sell one of the boxes.

Gracia Palacios declined to speak with officers.

The total weight of THC cannabis concentrate belonging to Gracia Palacios was 250 grams.

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:
09/02/2026 10:28 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Benjamin R. Chapman
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
09/02/2026 10:16 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 2, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/02/2026 10:50 AM

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

COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA

State of Minnesota

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vs.

Angel Gracia Palacios

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: