

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114006
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3416

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

VONTAINE LAFAYETTE GARNER DOB: 02/16/1993

3040 Fremont Avenue S
Minneapolis, MN 55408

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: Kidnapping-To Commit Great Bodily Harm/Terrorize

Minnesota Statute: 609.25.1(3), with reference to: 609.25.2(2)(i)

Maximum Sentence: 40 Years or \$50,000 or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26026091

Charge Description: On or about August 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Vontaine Lafayette Garner, did confine or remove from one place to another, any person without the person's consent, and did so with the purpose to commit great bodily harm or to terrorize the victim or another; and the victim was not released in a safe place.

COUNT II

Charge: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26026091

Charge Description: On or about August 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Vontaine Lafayette Garner, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

COUNT III

Charge: Assault-5th Deg-Inflict or Attempt Bodily Harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.224.1(2)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26026091

Charge Description: On or about August 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Vontaine Lafayette Garner, did intentionally inflict or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 18, 2026, Blue Earth County dispatch received a complaint about an ongoing domestic assault. Officers of the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to a residence in the City of Mankato.

Officer Hickey spoke with Victim 1 at a nearby gas station. Victim 1 stated he had been sleeping at the residence when he awoke to Vontaine Lafayette Garner (DOB: 02/16/1993) striking him in the face with his elbow. Victim 1 rolled around trying to get off the bed but Garner kept hitting him. Victim 1 tripped over a dog trying to leave and Garner hit him again.

When Victim 1 tried to leave the residence, Garner physically stopped him from leaving, at one point Garner trapped Victim 1 in a bathroom and kept hitting him there. During the assault, Garner told Victim 1 multiple times "I'm going to fucking kill you." Victim 1 feared for his life.

Witness 1 who had been sleeping in the residence with Victim 1, was largely uncooperative, but did acknowledge that she had been awoken to "someone" beating up her friend.

Victim 1 told police that Garner had kicked out an air conditioner in a window to enter the residence.

Victim 1 was eventually able to exit the residence and ran through neighbors' yards wearing only his socks to get away from Garner. Officers observed Victim 1 had wet socks on and no personal belongings with him. Officers also observed that Victim 1's ears were bleeding. Victim 1 explained his earrings had been ripped out. Victim 1 also stated his right hand was in a lot of pain.

Garner's whereabouts are unknown. Accordingly, the State requests a Complaint Warrant.

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

Jacob Price
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3137

Electronically Signed:
08/18/2026 01:54 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:
08/18/2026 12:13 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: Hold for Court

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 18, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Bradley C Walker
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/18/2026 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

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Vontaine Lafayette Garner

Defendant

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Warrant upon the Defendant herein named.

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: