

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113048
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1040

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ASHLEY NICOLE WILLIAMS DOB: 09/25/1984

1210 Carney Avenue
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: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1, with reference to: 609.11.4

Maximum Sentence: 7 years or \$14,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/12/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26007413

Charge Description: On or about March 12, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ashley Nicole Williams, did assault another with a dangerous weapon.

COUNT II

Charge: Theft-Take/Drive Motor Vehicle-No Owner Consent

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(17), with reference to: 609.52.3(3)(d)(v)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/12/2026 to 03/13/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26007413

Charge Description: On or between March 12, 2026 and March 13, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ashley Nicole Williams did take or drive a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner or an authorized agent of the owner, knowing or having reason to know that the owner or authorized agent did not give consent.

COUNT III

Charge: Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Foreseeable Risk Bodily Harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.595.1(1)

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

Offense Date (on or about): 03/12/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26007413

Charge Description: On or about March 12, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ashley Nicole Williams did intentionally cause damage to another person's physical property without the other person's consent, and the damage to the property caused a reasonable foreseeable risk of bodily harm.

COUNT IV

Charge: Drivers' Licenses-Driving restrictions-Drive/operate/control motor vehicle w/o ignition interlock.

Minnesota Statute: 171.09.1(g)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/12/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26007413

Charge Description: On or about March 12, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ashley Nicole Williams, did, while holding a restricted license issued under section 171.306, drive, operate, or be in physical control of any motor vehicle that is not equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device certified by the commissioner.

COUNT V

Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(2)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/12/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26007413

Charge Description: On or about March 12, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ashley Nicole Williams, did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflict or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another.

COUNT VI

Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(1)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/12/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26007413

Charge Description: On or about March 12, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ashley Nicole Williams, did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 12, 2026, officers the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a residence in Mankato, Minnesota County Blue Earth County. Officers learned from dispatch that it was reported that Ashley Nicole Williams (dob 9/25/1984) had stolen a vehicle and assaulted her boyfriend prior to taking the vehicle.

Officers spoke with Victim 1. Victim 1 said he has been romantically dating Williams for 2 months. Williams was at his residence. Williams started screaming at Victim 1 and threw items at him. At one point, Williams picked up a metal broom handle and went to strike Victim 1 in the head. Victim 1 protected his head by placing his arms up to stop the strike. Williams struck his arms with the metal handle.

Officers observed a dent in the broom handle. Victim 1 had a discoloring bruise and blood spots on his arm.

Victim 1 said Williams threw numerous items of his at him, including a glass vase that missed Victim 1 and then shattered on the ground. Williams also threw a lamp at Victim 1 that missed him, but the glass from the lamp struck Victim 1. Victim 1 stated Williams ended by taking a vehicle owned by his mother that he was borrowing. She did not have permission to take the vehicle.

On March 13, 2026, officers located the vehicle at a cemetery. Williams was driving the vehicle. Williams agreed to speak with officers. Williams admitted she lost her temper. Williams stated she struck Victim 1 with a PVC pipe, not a broom handle. Williams admitted to taking the vehicle.

The vehicle did not have ignition interlock, which Williams is required to have on vehicles she operates.

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

Brent Gagnon
Police Officer
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3124

Electronically Signed:
03/16/2026 09:26 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:
03/16/2026 09:07 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: March 16, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/16/2026 09:44 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

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Ashley Nicole Williams

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: