

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112476
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1681

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

DENISE DEBRA THOMPSON DOB: 03/12/1982

309 E South Street
Janesville, MN 56048

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: Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.52.3(3)(a)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/11/2025 to 12/04/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25034729

Charge Description: On or between November 11, 2025 and December 4, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Denise Debra Thompson, did, intentionally and without claim of right take, use, transfer, conceal or retain possession of the movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property and the value of the property or services stolen exceeded \$1,000.00.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the evening on December 4, 2025, Officer Marzolf from the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to a shoplifting report from Business 1 in the City of Mankato, Blue Earth County. Officer Marzolf spoke with Witness 1, a store manager at Business 1, who said he confronted a woman who left Business 1 without paying for merchandise valued at \$460.84.

Witness 1 said the female was involved in prior theft incidents as well. Marzolf met with the female suspect in the front office of Business 1 and identified her as Denise Debra Thompson (DOB: 03/12/1982).

Witness 2, Loss Prevention Manager at Business 1, provided details regarding the prior thefts.

On December 2, 2025, Witness 2 spoke with Witness 3 who advised Witness 2 that several items were missing from the department Witness 3 manages at Business 1. Witness 3 believed they were stolen the weekend of November 28-November 30, 2025. The value of the items stolen was \$364.99.

Witness 2 reviewed surveillance video footage and observed a woman in her middle 40's stealing the items on November 28, 2025. Witness 2 captured a still image of the woman and showed it to numerous employees at Business 1.

On December 4, 2025, Witness 4 observed the same woman at Business 1 and notified Witness 5, supervisor for Witness 4. Witness 5 alerted Business 1 staff who monitored the woman and observed the same suspicious behavior she had previously exhibited.

When the woman left Business 1, staff stopped the woman and the woman could not produce a receipt for the merchandise in her possession. The woman was identified as Thompson.

Business 1 staff determined Thompson was also the person who stole merchandise on November 11, 2025, valued at \$222.14.

The total value of the stolen merchandise is \$1,047.97.

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:
04/28/2026 08:36 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Christopher K Lowe
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
04/27/2026 04:41 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.

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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: April 28, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Susan DeVos

Electronically Signed: 04/28/2026 08:43 AM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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Denise Debra Thompson

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: