

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114118
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3663

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

STEVEN SANDOVAL DOB: 03/26/1993

1023 Mestina Street
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

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/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 and/or \$10,000 fine

Offense Level: Felony

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

Control #(ICR#): 26028073

Charge Description: On or about September 1, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Steven Sandoval took or drove 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 an authorized agent of the owner did not give consent.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On September 1, 2026, Officer Vogel of the Mankato Department of Public Safety received a report of a stolen car.

Officer Vogel spoke with Victim 1, who reported that Steven Sandoval (DOB: 03/26/1993) had been staying with him at an apartment in Mankato, MN.

Victim 1 reported that Sandoval took his 2010 White Jeep Compass (MN/LIC # TGX998). Sandoval did not have Victim 1's permission to take the car.

Officers spoke with Witness 1 at Business 1 in Mankato. Witness 1 reported that Sandoval told him he was withdrawing from narcotics and had stolen his uncle's car. Surveillance footage at Business 1 confirmed Sandoval was driving the stolen White Jeep Compass.

Law enforcement in Iowa arrested Sandoval on September 1, 2026. He is currently held in the Polk County Iowa jail. Accordingly, the undersigned 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

Adam Gray
Operations Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3117

Electronically Signed:
09/02/2026 10:29 AM
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:
09/02/2026 10:02 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 10:51 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.

Steven Sandoval

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: