

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113809
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3515

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL LOUIS STUCKEY DOB: 06/14/1978

619 Maple Lane
Eagle Lake, MN 56024

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(5), with reference to: 169A.25.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 07/15/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26014921

Charge Description: On or about July 15, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Michael Louis Stuckey, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when his/her alcohol concentration at the time, or as measured within two hours of the time, of driving, operating or being in physical control of the motor vehicle was 0.08 or more, and two aggravating factors were present when the violation was committed.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Around 7:15 p.m. on July 15, 2026, Deputy Nicholas Lewis from the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office was on patrol in Blue Earth County when he observed a vehicle that appeared to be traveling much faster than the speed limit. Deputy Lewis used his radar to confirm the vehicle was traveling 45 mph in a 30-mph zone and then conducted a traffic stop.

When Deputy Lewis made contact with the driver, Michael Louis Stuckey (DOB: 06/14/1978), Stuckey rolled the driver's-side window mostly down before rolling it almost-fully up. Lewis noticed Stuckey had heavily droopy eyelids and bloodshot, glassy eyes. Stuckey's speech was highly slurred, making it difficult for Lewis to understand. Lewis asked Stuckey to perform sobriety testing based on Lewis's observations. When Stuckey exited his vehicle, he became uneasy on his feet and deliberately planted his feet to avoid swaying and keep from falling over.

When Lewis attempted to administer field sobriety testing, Stuckey refused to perform it and started to walk away. Lewis grabbed Stuckey's arm to keep Stuckey from walking back to Stuckey's car. Stuckey told Lewis that Stuckey takes prescription medication for depression and anxiety and consumed "too much" prior to driving.

Stuckey would not provide a sufficient Preliminary Breath Test sample. Lewis placed him under arrest. Police searched Stuckey's car and located two empty "shooter" bottles of alcohol. While Stuckey sat in Lewis's patrol vehicle, he nodded off. Lewis took Stuckey to the hospital for an evaluation.

Lewis then applied for a search warrant relating to Stuckey's blood and urine. The application was approved by a Judge in the Fifth Judicial District. Stuckey refused to provide blood but agreed to provide urine. While providing a urine sample, Stuckey repeatedly missed the urine cup and urinated on the floor instead. Once the cup was filled, Stuckey appeared to drift off and the cup ran over. The urine sample was collected at approximately 8:52 p.m.

When Lewis instructed Stuckey to wash his hands, Stuckey walked out of range, ripping an IV out of Stuckey's arm seemingly without fazing Stuckey. Stuckey agreed to answer Lewis's questions after a Miranda warning. Stuckey admitted to Lewis that Stuckey had not been in good-enough condition to drive.

Stuckey's urine sample was sent to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for testing. The Results of Laboratory Examination in an August 3, 2026, Report on the Examination of Physical Evidence showed the ethyl alcohol concentration in Stuckey's urine was more than .16.

Stuckey was convicted of Driving While Impaired on March 9, 2021, in Court File No. 42-CR-20-1053.

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

Paul Barta
Captain
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2721

Electronically Signed:
08/25/2026 07:37 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:
08/24/2026 04:12 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:

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 25, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/25/2026 08:00 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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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: