

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113342  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1826

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**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Warrant

vs.

**CARTER ALLEN GROEN DOB: 03/17/2000**

1655 Valley View Drive #1  
North Mankato, MN 56003

Defendant.

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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: Domestic Abuse - Violate Order for Protection**

Minnesota Statute: 518B.01.14(a), with reference to: 518B.01.14(d)(1)

Maximum Sentence: 30 days to 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/02/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013471

Charge Description: On or about May 2, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Carter Allen Groen did violate an order for protection granted by a judge or referee and the violation occurred within ten years of the first of two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Domestic Assault-Felony**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.4

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/02/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013471

Charge Description: On or about May 2, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Carter Allen Groen did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflict or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another and has two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency within ten years following discharge from sentence or disposition for that offense.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the morning on May 2, 2026, Officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a residence in the City of Mankato after a 911 wireless hangup call for service. When Dispatch initially spoke with the caller, Victim 1, the caller said the caller did not know why they called and hung up. Dispatch noted the caller had an association with Carter Allen Groen (DOB: 03/17/2000).

Officer Coutier called Victim 1 who said Victim 1 did not need further assistance. As soon as the call between Coutier and Victim 1 ended, Victim 1 called 911 again. Coutier decided to go to Victim 1's residence, to which the phone calls mapped, due to the suspicious circumstances, which included an active Order for Protection ("OFP") protecting Victim 1 from Groen in Court File No. 07-FA-26-729.

The OFP was signed by The Honorable Kristine A. Weeks, Judge of District Court, on February 24, 2026. It prohibits Groen from having "any contact with [Victim 1] whether in person, with or through other persons, by telephone, mail, e-mail, through electronic devices, social media, or by any other means." It also prohibits Groen from being within 100 feet of Victim 1's residence.

The OFP provides, "a police officer shall arrest you and take you to jail if the police officer believes you have violated this Order."

Officer Coutier spoke with Victim 1 when Coutier arrived to Victim 1's residence. Coutier observed marks on Victim 1's cheek and chin that appeared to be from getting hit. Victim 1 told Coutier that Victim 1 called 911 intentionally but tried to do so discreetly. Victim 1 stated Groen had been at Victim 1's residence when Victim 1 called 911 but left just prior to police arriving. Victim 1 described Groen as Victim 1's ex-boyfriend.

Victim 1 said that Groen had not trashed Victim 1's residence on this occasion, "just my face."

Victim 1 read to Coutier text messages Victim 1 had just received from Groen while Coutier was present.

Groen has been convicted of the following qualified domestic violence-related offenses in the last ten years: (1) Stalking – Court File No. 07-CR-18-5176 – convicted June 24, 2019; (2) Threats of Violence – Court File No. 07-CR-18-5176 – convicted June 24, 2019; and (3) Assault-3<sup>rd</sup> Degree – Court File No. 07-CR-18-5176 – convicted June 24, 2019.

Groen was also convicted in Court File No. 07-CR-21-189 for possessing a firearm or ammunition after having been convicted of a crime of violence.

Police went to Groen's residence but could not make contact with Groen. Because Groen's location is unknown and due to concerns for Victim 1's safety, the State requests a 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**

Matthew Huettl  
Patrol Sergeant  
710 S Front St  
Mankato, MN 56001-3803  
Badge: 3142

Electronically Signed:  
05/06/2026 08:45 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:  
05/06/2026 08:23 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.

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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: May 6, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**                      Andrea Jo Lieser    Electronically Signed: 05/06/2026 09:02 AM  
District Court Judge

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.  
**Carter Allen Groen**  
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:*