

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112701
Court File No. 07-CR-26-582

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

TRAVIS JOHN OLSON DOB: 03/19/1985

1504 3rd Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001

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: 10 years or \$20,000, or both (over \$5,000): OR (over \$1,000): 5 years or \$10,000 or both OR (over \$500-\$1,000 or less): 5 years or \$10,000, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/22/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25017767

Charge Description: On or between October 17, 2025 and October 22, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Travis John Olson 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 II

Charge: Receiving Stolen Property

Minnesota Statute: 609.53.1, with reference to: 609.52.3(3)(d)(v)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/22/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25017767

Charge Description: On or between October 17, 2025 and October 22, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Travis John Olson did receive, possess, transfer, buy or conceal any stolen property or property obtained by robbery, knowing or having reason to know the property was stolen or obtained by robbery and the property was a motor vehicle.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 22, 2025, Detective Rother of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to investigate a motor vehicle theft. Victim 1 reported that her deceased father's 2001 Ford Explorer was missing from the driveway at her residence. The Vehicle was last seen on October 17, 2025. Victim 1 was also unable to find the title to the Explorer and believed the title was taken at the same time as the Explorer.

Investigation revealed that on October 24, 2025, the title for the 2001 Explorer had been transferred to Travis John Olson (DOB 03/19/1985). The Department of Motor Vehicles record showed that "August Anderson" sold the vehicle to Olson on October 18, 2025.

The prior title owner was, in fact, Victim 1's father, LAA, who had died in 2023. Victim 1 was the sole beneficiary of LAA's estate. Travis Olson told officers he had purchased the truck for \$200 at the time of the transfer. Officers told Olson that the person who owned the Explorer was dead. Olson responded, "really."

The Ford Explorer ended up in the custody of the Sheriff's Office. The Ford had been at or near several theft scenes. On February 4, 2026, two deputies conducted an inventory search of a toolbox that had been in Olson's bedroom closet. The Explorer title was found inside the toolbox along with cash and coins.

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

Jeremy J Brennan
Chief Deputy
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2706

Electronically Signed:
02/12/2026 01:04 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Todd Kosovich
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
02/12/2026 12:26 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: February 12, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 02/12/2026 02:21 PM

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.

Travis John Olson

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: