

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113427
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2025

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MADISON NICOLE GARNHARDT DOB: 11/09/1999

302 W Van Dusen Street
Springfield, MN 56087

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

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: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1

Maximum Sentence: 7 years or \$14,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/17/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26015226

Charge Description: On or about May 17, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Madison Nicole Garnhardt, did assault another with a dangerous weapon.

COUNT II

Charge: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/17/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26015226

Charge Description: On or about May 17, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Madison Nicole Garnhardt, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

COUNT III

Charge: Theft-Obtain Services-No Payment

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(13)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/17/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26015226

Charge Description: On or about May 17, 2026 at 4:00 PM, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Madison Nicole Garnhardt, did, obtain the services of another with the intention of receiving those services without making the agreed or reasonably expected payment of money or other consideration, and the value of the property or services stolen is \$500 or less.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On May 17, 2026, Officers were dispatched to Business 1 for a weapons call for service within the city of Mankato, Blue Earth County. Victim reported that had trouble with a customer not wanting to pay for services rendered. Victim reported that a customer showed a gun and took off in a vehicle. The vehicle description was believed to be a black Toyota passenger bearing license plates SNUM04.

Officers on scene radioed that vehicle had returned and completed a traffic stop in nearby parking lot. There were three occupants of the vehicle. Madison Garnhardt (DOB 11/09/1999), Garnhardt's Mother, and Garnhardt's daughter. Garhardt was seated in the front passenger seat advised that she had a handgun in her possession and she had an active permit to carry. The handgun was removed from Garnhardt's left hip area and was discovered to be a black Ruger handgun. The gun was not chambered but was loaded.

Officer Noah Koss of the Mankato Department of Public Safety entered Business 1 and contacted Victim. Victim informed Officer Koss that Madison Garnhardt had a scheduled appointment at 2:30 pm and that the appointment was for 2 adults and 1 child. During the appointment customers became disgruntled regarding how long the appointment was taking and decided not to wait any longer. Witness 1 began arguing with Victim about the cost of their service, which is \$157.00. Witness 1 offered to pay \$100, or they would leave without paying. While Witness 1 and Victim were conversing at the front receptionist desk Garnhardt walked by and as Garhardt passed, Victim observed her intentionally lifted her shirt, displaying a handgun in her waistband. The gun was described as dark brown in color. Victim indicated she was scared and that the act caused fear. Victim began crying, hands were shaking, and it appeared that she was distressed. Garnhardt then left the store with Witness 1 and her daughter. Eventually Witness 1, who is Garnhardt's mother, provided Victim with \$100.00, which is not the full amount that was owed to Business 1. Witness 1 advised that Garnhardt, herself, Garnhardt's daughter went to Walmart to get cash. She indicated that she did not want to pay with her card because she did not want to be overcharged.

Madison Garnhardt was placed under arrest and transported to Blue Earth County Jail.

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:
05/18/2026 03:08 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Benjamin J Dolan
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
05/18/2026 02:48 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: May 18, 2026.

Judicial Officer Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/18/2026 04:22 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

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Madison Nicole Garnhardt

Defendant

*LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Order of
Detention upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: