

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113729
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2675

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JONATHAN ALBERTO FRANCO DOB: 03/25/2004

195 3rd Street Ne
Wells, MN 56097

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: 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): 07/02/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26020573

Charge Description: On or about July 2, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jonathan Alberto Franco, 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 II

Charge: Assault-5th Degree-Fear of Bodily Harm or Death

Minnesota Statute: 609.224.1(1)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 07/02/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26020573

Charge Description: On or about July 2, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jonathan Alberto Franco, did commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the evening on July 2, 2026, Victim 1 went to the Mankato Public Safety Center and reported someone wanted to stab and kill Victim 1.

Officer Rutz spoke with Victim 1 who said Victim 1 was at a park in the City of Mankato when a male approached Victim 1, saying he wanted to hug Victim 1, but then holding up the male's fists like he wanted to fight. When Victim 1 ran away from the male, the male chased Victim 1 and tackled Victim 1 near Business 1. Victim 1 ripped the male's shirt while attempting to defend Victim 1's self.

After Victim 1 got away from the male, the male approached Victim 1 again, dropped the male's backpack near Victim 1, and told Victim 1 the male was going to stab Victim 1 and kill Victim 1. While saying this to Victim 1, the male reached in the male's shirt, leading Victim 1 to believe the male was grabbing a knife. Victim 1 reported Victim 1 was in fear for Victim 1's life.

Sergeant Wood reviewed City of Mankato camera footage and observed Victim 1 get assaulted. Wood also observed the male who assaulted Victim 1, pursuing Victim 1 on multiple occasions after Victim 1 gets away, and picking up an item the male then hid under the male's hand under the male's shirt, making it seem like the male was concealing a weapon. Wood observed the male discard the object the male was hiding and later learned it was a piece of mulch approximately six inches long. Wood observed the male tackle Victim 1 to the pavement. Wood observed there were two confrontations of Victim 1 by the male. During the second one, the male's hand was positioned near the male's waistband.

Wood went to the City of Mankato park and made contact with the male who assaulted Victim 1. The male was identified as Jonathan Franco (DOB: 03/25/2004). Franco all involvement with Victim 1 that Wood observed on camera.

Wood placed Franco under arrest and learned from Franco that Franco had a toothbrush in Franco's waistband. Franco said the toothbrush had stabbed Franco in the side. While Wood transported Franco to jail, Franco said, "I whooped his ass" and "I assaulted him." Franco also talked about different types of ammunition and referenced a recent shooting in Mankato. Franco told Wood Franco hoped Wood would "fucking suffer."

At the jail, Franco kicked a door hard enough to shake it in its frame and headbutted another door. Franco told officers repeatedly that Franco is in a gang, that Franco is a Nazi, and that Franco hates people of multiple Races different from Franco's.

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:
07/06/2026 09:21 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:
07/06/2026 09:05 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: July 6, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Susan DeVos

Electronically Signed: 07/06/2026 09:28 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

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Jonathan Alberto Franco

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: