

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113854
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3893

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TRISHA LYNN BENNETT DOB: 12/30/1969

741 Chapel Street #1
Good Thunder, MN 56037

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: Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.52.3(3)(a)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/19/2026 to 07/05/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26022797

Charge Description: On or between April 19, 2026 and July 5, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Trisha Lynn Bennett, did, intentionally and without claim of right take, use, transfer, conceal or retain possession of the movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property and the value of the property or services stolen exceeded \$1,000.00.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In July 2026, Officer Koss of the Mankato Department of Public Safety was dispatched to a retail store in Mankato, Minnesota, Blue Earth County, on report of a theft incident. Officer Koss met with the loss prevention employee who explained that the same individual had stolen items from the retail store on numerous occasions ranging from April 19, 2026, until July 5, 2026. The loss prevention employee stated that the total amount of merchandise stolen was \$1,291.36. The loss prevention employee also told Officer Koss that the suspect was being investigated in a different county for similar thefts at a retail store.

Loss prevention employee had obtained a first name of "Trisha" and a phone number for the suspect based on an interaction with the store on a separate date in which she did not steal anything. The loss prevention employee was also able to obtain a license plate of a vehicle that the suspect arrived every time in.

Officer Koss ran the license plate and observed that the registered owner was Trisha Lynn Bennett (dob 12/30/1969).

On August 27, 2026, Officer Koss spoke with Bennett. Bennett told Officer Koss that shoplifting is like an addiction and admitted to shoplifting from the retail store. Bennett stated she had some memory issues on remembering the separate incidents.

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:
09/16/2026 03:11 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
09/16/2026 03:01 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: September 16, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Susan DeVos

Electronically Signed: 09/16/2026 03:54 PM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Trisha Lynn Bennett

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: