

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112843
Court File No. 07-CR-26-617

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ASHLEY JONELL KILGORE DOB: 02/06/1988

1303 Eastport Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

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: Possession of Shoplifting Gear

Minnesota Statute: 609.521(b)

Maximum Sentence: 3 years or \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/15/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26004794

Charge Description: On or about February 15, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ashley Jonell Kilgore, did have in possession any device, gear, or instrument designed to assist in shoplifting or defeating an electronic article surveillance system with intent to use the same to shoplift and thereby commit theft.

COUNT II

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

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.52.3(5)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/15/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26004794

Charge Description: On or about February 15, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Ashley Jonell Kilgore 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.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the afternoon on February 15, 2026, officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to Business 1 after Witness 1 reported two females shoplifted from the business. Witness 1 provided police with a license plate number for a related vehicle and descriptions of the suspects. Witness 1 said the suspects went to Business 2 after leaving Business 1.

Witness 1 showed Officer Hermanson a video surveillance recording of the females leaving Business 1 with a black, wheeled cart and other items, without paying for them. The approximate value of the items is between \$185 and \$235.

Officer Hermanson observed in the parking lot a vehicle with the license plate number provided by Witness 1. Inside the vehicle Hermanson could see a black, wheeled cart with other items.

Officer Marzolf located the suspect females at the north end of the parking lot and identified them as Ashley Jonell Kilgore (DOB: 02/06/1988) and Shawnyell D. Younger (DOB: 12/16/1985).

Officer Hermanson spoke to Kilgore and Younger and confronted them about the recording Hermanson viewed that showed Kilgore and Younger taking the black, wheeled cart from Business 1. Kilgore and Younger admitted to taking the cart.

Officer Marzolf located stolen items from Business 2 in Kilgore's and Younger's belongings.

Inside the vehicle associated with Kilgore and Younger, police found two tote bags with stolen property. Witness 1 said Kilgore and Younger used those bags to conceal stolen items from Business 1.

Officer Hermanson located on Kilgore's person a magnetic anti-theft tag removal device.

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

Ken Baker
Sergeant/Patrol Division
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3144

Electronically Signed:
02/17/2026 01:32 PM
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:
02/17/2026 12:18 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 17, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Timothy J. Looby
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 02/17/2026 03:00 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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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: