

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113336
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1782

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

DESHON JORDAN JOHNSON JR DOB: 06/11/1997

347 Belgrade Avenue
North Mankato, MN 56003

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: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon-Substantial Bodily Harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.2

Maximum Sentence: 10 years or \$20,000 or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/01/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013451

Charge Description: On or about May 1, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Deshon Jordan Johnson Jr, did assault another with a dangerous weapon and inflicted substantial bodily harm.

COUNT II

Charge: Assault-3rd Degree-Substantial Bodily Harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.223.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/01/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013451

Charge Description: On or about May 1, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Deshon Jordan Johnson Jr did assault another, and inflicted substantial bodily harm.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Shortly before midnight on May 1, 2026, Witness 1 contacted Mankato Department of Public Safety to request a welfare check on Victim 1. Witness 1 spoke with Officer Sokolov and reported that Victim 1 said Victim 1 had been stabbed.

Early in the morning on May 2, 2026, staff from Business 1 in Mankato reported that Victim 1 presented to Business 1 with multiple stab wounds.

Officer Hermanson from Mankato Department of Public Safety spoke with Victim 1 who stated that Victim 1 was at Victim 1's residence in Blue Earth County early in the morning on May 1, 2026, when Victim 1 observed a female get punched in the face by a male Victim 1 knew as "DJ" or "Deondre."

Victim 1 said Victim 1 intervened in the assault of the male on the female and the male stabbed Victim 1 as a result, causing injury to Victim 1's left leg, the back of Victim 1's right shoulder, and to Victim 1's right hand.

Following a second conversation with Victim 1, Officer Hermanson was able to identify the female assaulted by the male as Witness 4.

Victim 1 provided a description of the male and said the male and female dated prior to this incident. Officer Hermanson took photographs of Victim 1's injuries including a stab wound on Victim 1's left thigh, two stab wounds on the back of Victim 1's right shoulder, and marks on Victim 1's right hand.

Witness 1 told Officer Sokolov that Witness 2 knew the female assaulted by the male. Witness 2 spoke with Sokolov and identified the female as Witness 4. Witness 2 said Witness 2 heard about the assault from Witness 3, who told Witness 2 that Witness 3 was present when the assault occurred. According to Witness 2, Witness 3 told Witness 2 that Witness 4 has been dating someone named "DJ" or "Deshaun" despite the fact that DJ or Deshaun had also assaulted Witness 4 a couple weeks ago.

Witness 2 told Officer Sokolov that Witness 3 said Victim 1 tried to intervene when Johnson assaulted Witness 4, causing Witness 4 to get a black eye, and Johnson stabbed Victim 1 as a result. Sokolov tried unsuccessfully to contact Witness 3 and Witness 4.

Officer Hermanson spoke with other officers who told Hermanson that Witness 4 is associated with Deshon Jordan Johnson, Jr. (DOB: 06/11/1997). Hermanson noted that Johnson closely matched the description Victim 1 provided of the person who stabbed Victim 1.

Hermanson compiled a photo lineup for Victim 1's review. When Hermanson called Victim 1 about scheduling a time to review a photo lineup of suspects, Victim 1 said Victim 1 had learned that "DJ" is actually "Deshon."

Detective Michael Sack administered the photo lineup. Sack told Hermanson that Victim 1 looked at an image of Johnson in the photo lineup and said Victim 1 was 100% certain Johnson is the person who stabbed Victim 1.

Officers Landon and Pohlmann met with Witness 5 who told them Johnson was present in Witness 5's home after learning police were looking for Johnson after determining Johnson stabbed Victim 1.

After Johnson was taken into custody, Witness 5 gave officers a knife Witness 5 said was in Johnson's

room at Witness 5's residence. Witness 5 called police again later and reported finding a second knife in Witness 5's residence. At that time, police took possession of a machete.

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

Jacob Price
Police Officer
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3137

Electronically Signed:
05/04/2026 04:31 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
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Electronically Signed:
05/04/2026 03:30 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.

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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 5, 2026.

Judicial Officer Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/05/2026 08:46 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

vs.

Deshon Jordan Johnson Jr

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: