

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113701
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2622

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSE SANTOS HERNANDEZ PIEDRA DOB: 01/20/1990

No Permanent Address
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: Domestic Assault-Felony

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.4

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26020116

Charge Description: On or about June 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jose Santos Hernandez Piedra did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflicted or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another and has two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency within ten years following discharge from sentence or disposition for that offense.

COUNT II

Charge: Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess - Methamphet/Amphetamine in School/Park/Pub Housing Zone

Minnesota Statute: 152.023.2(a)(6)

Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$250,000, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26020116

Charge Description: On or about June 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jose Santos Hernandez Piedra did unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures containing methamphetamine or amphetamine in a school zone, a park zone, a public housing zone, or a drug treatment facility.

COUNT III

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): 06/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26020116

Charge Description: On or about June 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jose Santos Hernandez Piedra, 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.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Mankato Department of Public Safety Officers were dispatched to a report of an assault in downtown Mankato the night of June 28th, 2026. Witness 1 contacted dispatch and stated that he had witnessed a male (later identified as Jose Santos Hernandez Piedra DOB 01/20/1990) beat up a woman. Officer Keane arrived on scene and spoke with Witness 1 and Witness 2 about what they had witnessed.

Witness 1 and Witness 2 stated that Piedra grabbed and forcefully threw down Victim 1 onto the ground with two hands. Witness 1 and Witness 2 informed Officer Keane that it appeared that Victim 1 had hit her head on the ground. Officer Keane also reported that Witness 1 and Witness 2 informed him that they heard Piedra tell Victim 1 that Piedra was going to kill Victim 1. Officers later reviewed CCTV footage of the incident and observed Piedra grabbing Victim 1 with both of his hands and forcefully pushing Victim 1 down to the ground. After Victim 1 stands back up and Piedra pushes her back down again with two hands.

Officer Keane also met with Victim 1. Victim 1 told Officer Keane that she had been married to Piedra for approximately three years. Victim 1 told Officer Keane that everything hurt and that Piedra and thrown her to the ground.

Officer Hermanson spoke with Piedra who confirmed that he and Victim 1 got into an altercation over his backpack that he had on his person. Piedra stated that Victim 1 wanted the backpack. Piedra told Officer Hermanson that it was his backpack and he didn't want to give it to Victim 1. Piedra told Officer Hermanson that Piedra and Victim 1 have been romantically together, off and on, for the last two years.

Piedra was placed under arrest and was transported to the Blue Earth County Jail. Officer Wagner searched Piedra's backpack and located the following items:

1. Several pieces of crumpled up tinfoil, most of which had burn residue;
2. Small plastic baggies, some clear, some colored, containing a clear or white residue which field tested positive for methamphetamine;
3. Straws with burn marks and/or residue;
4. 1 black zippered bag containing a nail kit as well as small plastic baggies that contained a clear or white residue that field tested positive for methamphetamine;
5. 1 small blue zippered bag that contained a broken piece of a glass pipe with burn residue and a small clear plastic container that had white or clear residue inside
 - a. The plastic container field tested positive for methamphetamine

Piedra had been walking with the backpack in the Jackson Park Zone of the Mankato Drug Zone Enforcement Area. Piedra has two qualifying domestic violence related convictions within the last 10 years from a Gross Misdemeanor Domestic Violence conviction in 07-CR-18-2471 (convicted on August 24, 2018) and a Misdemeanor Domestic Assault conviction in 07-CR-16-1503 (convicted on August 10, 2026).

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:
06/30/2026 08:41 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
06/30/2026 07:52 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.

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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: June 30, 2026.

Judicial Officer Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/30/2026 09:27 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.

Jose Santos Hernandez Piedra

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: