State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114589
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4597

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL THOMAS ELBERT DOB: 01/19/1982

25 Winslow Circle
St Clair, MN 56080

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-GM-Subsequent Violation
Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.2
Maximum Sentence: 364 days or $3,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/30/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26022539

Charge Description: On or about October 30, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Michael Thomas Elbert, 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 a previous qualified domestic violence-related offense conviction or an adjudication of delinquency within ten years.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 31st, 2026, Deputy Schnorenberg from the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office for a past-occurred domestic assault within Blue Earth County. Deputy Schnorenberg contacted Victim 1 who stated that she has been married to Michael Thomas Elbert (DOB: 01/19/1982) since August of 2026 and that they live together.

Victim 1 stated that, on October 30th, Elbert and her had gone to dinner in Mankato and were driving back to their residence when Elbert pulled out a baggie of controlled substances. Victim 1 attempted to grab the baggie from Elbert as she does not want him utilizing controlled substances. When she grabbed the baggie Elbert bit Victim 1's finger. Elbert bit Victim 1's finger so hard that it caused Victim 1's finger to start bleeding and caused pain to Victim 1. Elbert then slammed on the brakes and left the vehicle. Victim 1 yelled for Elbert but lost sight of him and ultimately went to the hospital.

Victim 1 stated that the hospital took imaging of her finger and told her that it was not broken. Victim 1 stated that the hospital wrapped her finger and gave her medication. Deputy Schnorenberg received photos of Victim 1's injury and noted significant injury to the top and bottom of Victim 1's finger consistent with a bite mark, based on his training and experience. Victim 1 reported that there was a history of abuse by Elbert toward Victim 1 and that Victim 1 was afraid of Elbert.

Elbert has one prior Qualifying Domestic Violence Related Conviction from September 27, 2023 for a Misdemeanor Violation of a Harassment Restraining Order.

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

Paul Barta
Captain
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2721

Electronically Signed:
11/02/2026 09:50 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:
11/02/2026 09:42 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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☒ 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: November 2, 2026.

Judicial Officer Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/02/2026 10:02 AM

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: