

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114133
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3697

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTINE LAUREL THOMPSON DOB: 08/08/1973

522 County Rd 9
Lake Crystal, MN 56055

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-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(2)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/02/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26001329

Charge Description: On or about September 2, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Christine Laurel Thompson, did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflict or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Early in the evening on September 2, 2026, Victim 1 went to the Lake Crystal Police Department and spoke with Officer Bottelson. Victim 1 reported Victim 1 and Victim 1's wife, Christine Laurel Thompson (DOB: 08/08/1973) had an altercation about 15 minutes prior. Officer Bottelson observed Victim 1 had a cut over Victim 1's eye that was bleeding.

Victim 1 said Thompson was supposed to be in treatment for chemical use, but Thompson had been at the parties' residence in Blue Earth County, and Victim 1 suspected Thompson had been drinking alcohol all day. That evening, Victim 1 took Thompson's car keys to prevent Thompson from driving because Thompson seemed intoxicated. This "set [Thompson] off," and Thompson hit Victim 1.

Victim 1 said Victim 1 pushed Thompson to get Thompson away from Victim 1. When Victim 1 went to leave the residence, Thompson took Victim 1's wallet and cell phone.

Officer Bottelson made contact with Thompson at the parties' residence. Thompson initially denied an altercation with Victim 1 but later acknowledged the altercation after seeing pictures of Victim 1's injuries. Bottelson noticed Thompson had two cell phones in her possession. Thompson said one of the phones was Victim 1's but could not explain why Thompson had it.

Thompson said Thompson had two or three alcoholic drinks earlier that day but was not intoxicated.

Bottelson also talked to Witness 1 and Witness 2 who were at the residence and present during the incident. Witness 1 said this was not the first time something like this had happened and that Thompson will "throw haymakers" at Victim 1, and Victim 1 will just push Thompson away.

Witness 1 said Witness 1 had also taken Thompson's car keys from Thompson to prevent Thompson from driving because Thompson was intoxicated.

Witness 2 said, "[Victim 1] never hit [Thompson]."

Bottelson arrested Thompson and transported her to the Blue Earth County Jail. When Bottelson checked Thompson's purse before turning her over to jail staff, Bottelson observed Victim 1's wallet in Thompson's purse, which seemed to surprise Thompson.

Thompson provided to jail staff a preliminary breath test sample that returned a result of 0.18.

It appears Thompson failed to report to the Blue Earth County Jail on August 23, 2026, to serve a jail segment that was ordered in Court File No. 07-CR-23-3563.

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

Matthew Michael Gangelhoff
Peace Officer
100 East Robinson Street
Lake Crystal, MN 56055
Badge: 4676

Electronically Signed:
09/03/2026 02:10 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:
09/03/2026 01:56 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 3, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/03/2026 04:44 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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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: