

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113096  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1151

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**JOSEPH SCOTT HOFFMAN DOB: 04/17/1986**

215 Belle Avenue  
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

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**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): 03/20/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26008360

Charge Description: On or about March 20, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Scott Hoffman, 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.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer**

Minnesota Statute: 609.50.1(2), with reference to: 609.50.2(2)

Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 03/20/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26008360

Charge Description: On or about March 20, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Scott Hoffman did, intentionally, obstruct, resist, or interfere with a peace officer while the officer was engaged in the performance of official duties and the act was accompanied by force or violence or the threat thereof.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 20, 2026, officers of the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to an area in Mankato, Minnesota, Blue Earth County on report of a domestic incident. Victim one had called law enforcement and reported that Joseph Scott Hoffman (dob 4/17/1986) had struck her in the face. Victim 1 is Hoffman's girlfriend. They also live together.

Officers made contact with Victim 1. Victim 1 said that they were driving and speaking about Hoffman's court cases and his drinking problem. Hoffman became upset and struck Victim 1 in the face. Hoffman then took Victim 1's tumbler bottle and threw it out the window. Officers located the tumbler by the road.

Victim 1 said Hoffman was likely at their joint residence. Victim 1 gave law enforcement permission to enter the residence and provided them with the keys. Officers tried to enter but Hoffman actively prevented them by using force to slam the door back shut and hold it closed. Hoffman would not follow commands by the officers. Eventually, officers were able to forcefully overcome Hoffman's resistance and open the door.

Hoffman has a previous 5th degree assault conviction in 2025 in Court File 07-CR-25-3248.

## 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**

Brent Gagnon  
Police Officer  
710 S Front St  
Mankato, MN 56001-3803  
Badge: 3124

Electronically Signed:  
03/23/2026 09:12 AM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

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

Electronically Signed:  
03/23/2026 08:43 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: March 23, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**

Bradley C Walker  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/23/2026 09:17 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.

**Joseph Scott Hoffman**

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: