

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112231  
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1468

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**JUSTIN WILLIAM ZIEMER DOB: 10/16/2005**

2207 Willow Lane  
North Mankato, MN 56003

Defendant.

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**COMPLAINT**

Summons

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: Carry BB Gun/Rifle/Shotgun/Aslt Wpn-Public Place**

Minnesota Statute: 624.7181.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 11/18/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25033203

Charge Description: On or about November 18, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Justin William Ziemer did carry a BB gun in a public place.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Liquor-Possession by Person Under 21**

Minnesota Statute: 340A.503.3

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 11/18/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25033203

Charge Description: On or about November 18, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Justin William Ziemer did, while under the age of 21 years, possess any alcoholic beverage with the intent to consume it at a place other than the household of the person's parent or guardian.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Drivers' Licenses - Display/Possess Fictitious or Fraudulently Altered DL or MN ID**

Minnesota Statute: 171.22.1(1)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 11/18/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25033203

Charge Description: On or about November 18, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Justin William Ziemer did display, cause or permit to be displayed, or have in possession, any fictitious or fraudulently altered driver's license or Minnesota identification card.

#### **COUNT IV**

**Charge: Cannabis - Use, possess, or transport cannabis or hemp products under 21 years of age**

Minnesota Statute: 342.09.1(b)(1)

Maximum Sentence: Maximum fine of \$300.00 (Petty Misdemeanor)

Offense Level: Petty Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 11/18/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25033203

Charge Description: On or about November 18, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Justin William Ziemer, did use, possess, or transport cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products while under 21 years of age.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the evening on November 18, 2025, Mankato Department of Public Safety Dispatch received a report from Victim 1 that someone in a blue SUV bearing Minnesota license plate JXJ058 drove by her and others multiple times and threw cups of ice water at them. Security from Minnesota State University, Mankato received three phone calls complaining of the same behavior by an individual or individuals in a vehicle matching the description given to DPS. Reportedly one person had been hurt by the thrown items.

A Security Officer from MSU located the vehicle in a parking lot on campus in the City of Mankato, Blue Earth County. DPS officers responded to that location. Justin William Ziemer (DOB: 10/16/2005) was inside the vehicle, registered to Ziemer's father. Ziemer told Officer Cook that Ziemer had BB guns in the vehicle, one underneath Ziemer's seat and three in the far back. Ziemer spoke with Officer Wagner as well and confirmed the presence of BB guns in Ziemer's vehicle and advised where they were located. Ziemer also admitted he had passengers in the vehicle earlier who threw iced water at people.

Officer Wagner searched the vehicle and found the following: (1) under the driver's seat - Glock-style BB handgun with a loaded magazine and compressed air cartridge in the gun; (2) in the glove box - a box of compressed air cartridges and a container of metal BBs; and (3) in the hatch in the back, right behind the backseat row, accessible by any backseat passenger – three rifle-style BB guns.

During a second search of the vehicle, Officer Wagner located the following: (1) in the driver's door compartment – one rifle magazine loaded with BBs; (2) underneath the box of compressed air cartridges in the glove box – one Muha Meds THC cartridge in its original packaging; (3) underneath the passenger seat – one unopened box containing 25 unused compressed-air canisters, 1 container of plastic BBs, and a C11-style BB handgun loaded with BBs and a canister of compressed air; (4) in the backseat – several magazines—handgun and rifle—loaded with BBs and air canisters; (5) in the hatch - blue backpack with (27) unopened 16 oz. cans of Busch Light beer and a black backpack with (6) unopened 16 oz. cans of Busch Light beer.

Ziemer said the black backpack was his.

Ziemer gave Officer Wagner his wallet and Wagner found a fake ID inside it, which Ziemer told Wagner she would find.

## 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**

Ken Baker  
Commander/Patrol Division  
710 S Front St  
Mankato, MN 56001-3803  
Badge: 3144

Electronically Signed:  
04/09/2026 04:24 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:  
04/09/2026 04:05 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: April 10, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**

Kristine Weeks  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 04/10/2026 08:29 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.

**Justin William Ziemer**

Defendant

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE**  
*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this  
Summons upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: