

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112005
Court File No. 07-CR-25-4360

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,
vs.

COMPLAINT
Summons
 Amended

SCOTT ALLEN PEPLAU DOB: 04/25/1985
401 Carver Road C/O Blue Earth County Jail
P.O. Box 266
Mankato, MN 56002
Defendant.

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: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.24.2

Maximum Sentence: 7 years or \$14,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/27/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25031022

Charge Description: On or about October 27, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Scott Allen Peplau, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol, and the violation was committed within ten years of the first of three or more qualified driving incidents or he/she has previously been convicted of felony D.W.I.

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - Open bottle law; Possession; crime described

Minnesota Statute: 169A.35.3

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/27/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25031022

Charge Description: On or about October 27, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Scott Allen Peplau, did have in his/her possession, while in a private motor vehicle upon a street or highway, any bottle or receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage, distilled spirit or 3.2 percent malt liquor that has been opened, or the seal broken, or the contents of which have been partially removed.

COUNT III

Charge: Ignition Interlock - Licensed individual operate motor vehicle w/out ignition interlock

Minnesota Statute: 171.306.6(c)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/27/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25031022

Charge Description: On or about October 27, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Scott Allen Peplau. did, while holding a restricted license issued under section 171.306, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle that was not equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device certified by the commissioner.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 27, 2025, Commander McGinnis of the Mankato Department of Public Safety was on patrol in Mankato, Minnesota, Blue Earth County. Commander McGinnis initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle that was going at a rate higher than the posted 30 mile-per-hour zone and failed to use a turn signal when turning. The vehicle also did not appear to have a functioning rear license plate light.

When the vehicle stopped, the driver immediately exited the vehicle and started to light a cigarette. Commander McGinnis observed that the driver appeared to be unsteady on his feet. The driver also had glossy eyes and slurred speech. Commander McGinnis detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the driver's person. The driver was non-complaint and refused to identify himself. The driver was later identified as Scott Allen Peplau.

Peplau admitted to consuming two beers. Peplau refused to perform any field sobriety tests. Officers found an open bottle of beer in the vehicle.

Officers determined that Peplau has a restricted driver's license which requires that he only operate vehicles equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device. The vehicle he drove was not equipped with ignition interlock.

Peplau was read the Minnesota Breath Test Advisory. He continued to interrupt Officer Johnson by stating he didn't understand. Peplau continued to state that he did not understand and stated "I'm socially retarded according to the state of Minnesota." Peplau looked away from Officer Johnson while he was reading the Breath Test Advisory and continued to state that he did not understand. During the period in which he could contact an attorney, Peplau continued to state he did not understand what was read to him. Due to his continued behavior of stating he did not understand, Officer Johnson deemed his conduct a test refusal.

Peplau has been convicted of three prior felony DWIs in court file numbers 07-CR-21-2454, 08-CR-15-1306 and 07-CR-16-4613.

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:
05/06/2026 12:20 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

John L.V. Brooks
Assistant Blue Earth County
Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
05/06/2026 09:23 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: May 6, 2026.

Judicial Officer Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/06/2026 01:07 PM

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.

Scott Allen Peplau

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: