

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113501
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2205

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH ARTHUR WILLSON DOB: 11/03/1990

57965 231st Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Warrant

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.25.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/30/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26011382

Charge Description: On or about May 30, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Arthur Willson, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol, and two or more aggravating factors were present when the violation was committed.

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(5), with reference to: 169A.25.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/30/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26011382

Charge Description: On or about May 30, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Arthur Willson, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when his/her alcohol concentration at the time, or as measured within two hours of the time, of driving, operating or being in physical control of the motor vehicle was 0.08 or more, and two aggravating factors were present when the violation was committed.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On May 30, 2026, Deputy Schnorenberg in Blue Earth County Sheriff's office was on patrol in Blue Earth County. Deputy Schnorenberg observed a vehicle at approximate 2:20 AM that was making drastic jerking swerving motions within the traffic lane. Deputy Schnorenberg followed the vehicle and observed the vehicle going 64 mile-per-hour in a 55 mile-per-hour zone. Deputy Schnorenberg also observed the vehicle crossing the white fog line. Deputy Schnorenberg initiated a traffic stop.

Deputy Schnorenberg identified the driver as Joseph Arthur Willson, dob 11/3/1990. Deputy Schnorenberg smelled a strong odor of consumed alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. Deputy Schnorenberg also observed that Willson had slow motor movements and his finger dexterity was poor as he attempted to manipulate his wallet to retrieve his driver's license. Deputy Schnorenberg also observed that Willson's eyes were bloodshot, glassy, and watery. Willson's speech was also slurred and deliberate.

Deputy Schnorenberg had Willson step out of the car and perform some standard field sobriety test. Deputy Schnorenberg observed clues of impairment including all six clues on the horizontal gaze nystagmus, five clues in the walk and turn, and four clues on the one leg stand. Deputy Schnorenberg administered a preliminary breath test which resulted in a value of .184. Willson was arrested.

Willson was read the Minnesota Breath Test Advisory and he agreed to take a test. Deputy Schnorenberg administered the DMT test to Willson which reported an alcohol value of .18.

Willson has a previous DWI conviction on June 29, 2017, under court file number 07-CR-17-2056.

Willson was taken to a detoxification facility. A warrant is requested.

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:
06/01/2026 09:45 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Taylor Fast
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
06/01/2026 09:08 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.

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: June 1, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Susan DeVos

Electronically Signed: 06/01/2026 09:49 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

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Joseph Arthur Willson

Defendant

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

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: