

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113069
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1744

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,
vs.

COMPLAINT
Warrant
 Amended

LAMONT ROYALE SMITH DOB: 12/20/1972
105 2nd Avenue Se #2
Waseca, MN 56093-3040
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: Theft-Take/Drive Motor Vehicle-No Owner Consent
Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(17)
Maximum Sentence: 10 years or \$20,000, or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/23/2026 to 02/17/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26004988

Charge Description: On or about between January 23, 2026 to February 17, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Lamont Royale Smith did take or drive a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner or an authorized agent of the owner, knowing or having reason to know that the owner or an authorized agent of the owner did not give consent and the value of the property or services stolen exceeds \$5,000.00.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On 2/17/2026, Officer Strong of the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to Business 1 in the City of Mankato for a report of a motor vehicle theft.

Witness 1 reported that on 1/7/2026 Lamont Royale Smith (DOB: 12/20/1972) rented a car from Business 1 for a period of one day. Smith continued to extend the rental until 1/23/2026, which was the date of his last payment and the last date that Business 1 had any contact with Smith, when he reported he would return to the car to a location in Minneapolis.

Business 1 attempted to contact Smith by phone and made multiple visits to his address, with no success.

As of the date of the report, Smith had not returned the car and owed over \$1,000 in rental fees. The vehicle is a gray 2025 Nissan Sentra bearing (AZ: CWG8310). On 2/18/2026 Hopkins, MN Police located the vehicle and impounded it.

The Court Administrator's Office has advised the County Attorney's Office that on May 1, 2026, the Complaint Summons in this matter, together with the notice of a required court appearance, was mailed to the Defendant at the address set out above, directing him to appear in Court via Zoom at 8:30 am on July 7, 2026. The mail was returned by the Post Office as "Undeliverable- Unable to Forward" on June 4, 2026. The Defendant failed to appear on July 7, 2026. Therefore, a Complaint Warrant is requested to compel his court appearance.

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 Huettl
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3142

Electronically Signed:
07/07/2026 02:49 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:
07/07/2026 11:51 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: July 7, 2026.

Judicial Officer Susan DeVos Electronically Signed: 07/07/2026 03:09 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.

Lamont Royale Smith
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: