

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113258
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1593

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

ELIJAH DANKWAH KWADWO DOB: 01/01/1998

1400 Warren Street #D15
Mankato, MN 56001

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-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety

Minnesota Statute: 171.24.5

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 04/19/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26008051

Charge Description: On or about April 19, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Elijah Dankwah Kwadwo did after being given notice, or reasonably should have known of the cancellation, disobeyed the order by operating in this state any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, while her/his license or privilege was canceled; and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has determined that the operation of a motor vehicle on the highways by the person would be inimical to the public safety or welfare.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On April 18, 2026, at approximately 6:40 PM, Deputy Dillon Brashear with the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office noticed a vehicle with illegal window tint traveling on Highway 22 in Blue Earth County. Deputy Brashear got behind the vehicle and ran the plate. The plate came back to a Chevrolet pickup but the plate was being displayed on a Cadillac Escalade. Deputy Brashear stopped the vehicle.

As Deputy Brashear was approaching the vehicle he noticed that it was rocking back-and-forth and that there was no driver in the driver seat. A male, later identified as Elijah Dankwah Kwadwo, appeared to be getting into the passenger seat with his back toward the driver's seat.

Deputy Brashear asked Kwadwo to roll down the window and started to explain to him why he had stopped the vehicle. Based upon Kwadwo's odd behavior, Deputy Brashear asked for additional units to respond to the scene.

Kwadwo admitted that his driver's license status was Canceled Inimical to Public Safety. Deputy Brashear confirmed this. No one else was in the vehicle.

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:
04/20/2026 09:52 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
04/20/2026 09:41 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: April 20, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 04/20/2026 09:57 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.

Elijah Dankwah Kwadwo

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: