

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113386
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1916

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CORA ROSE ZEHM DOB: 12/06/1997

No Permanent Address
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

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: Malicious Punishment of a Child-Less than Substantial Bodily Harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.377.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/10/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26014412

Charge Description: On or about May 10, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Cora Rose Zehm, did as a parent, legal guardian, or caretaker, by an intentional act or a series of intentional acts with respect to a child, evidenced unreasonable force or cruel discipline that is excessive under the circumstances, and the punishment resulted in less than substantial bodily harm.

COUNT II

Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(2)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/10/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26014412

Charge Description: On or about May 10, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Cora Rose Zehm, did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflict or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On May 10, 2026, law enforcement were dispatched to a welfare check at Shelter in the city of Mankato located in Blue Earth County Minnesota. The caller, Cora Rose Zehm (12-6-1997) told dispatch that her children are out of control. The children's ages range from seven months to six years old. Officer Courtney Walker of the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to the call and contacted Zehm who was visibly upset. Walker observed her crying uncontrollably. Zehm indicated that she could not discipline her children anymore now that she had been reported as abusing them even though physical discipline was legal.

While at the Shelter, Officer Walker was approached by Witness 1 and was advised that Zehm had just grabbed Victim, who is Zehm's five year old daughter, by the arm and carried her across the floor and then threw her onto a mat on the floor.

Officer Walker spoke to Zehm about the incident, defendant advised the victim was not listening to her and being naughty defendant stated that victim refused to stand when asked to do so and started laughing at her. Zehm admitted to grabbing pick Victim up by the arm and walked her across the floor. Zehm indicated that Victim's feet were off the ground the entire walk. She further admitted to throwing Victim on the mat and advised that it could not have harmed her because it was a bed. Zehm then pulled Victim's dress down to show Officer Walker that there were no bruises or marks on victim's body. Officer Walker did not observe any indicators of injury to Victim's person.

Officer Walker then reviewed CCTV footage from inside the Shelter which was provided to law enforcement by Witness 1. Officer Walker reviewed the footage and observed Zehm aggressively and roughly grabbed Victim by her right arm and carried her that way for approximately 20 feet. Officer Walker observed that Victim's feet were off the ground what appeared to be approximately 2 feet. Officer Walker watched additional video where Zehm had picked up Victim off the ground and slammed her onto the mat which was on top a tiled concrete floor from approximately 3 feet off the ground. Officer Walker also observed Zehm slam Victim into a wall in a very aggressive and abusive manner.

Officer Walker then checked CIS for prior calls of service where abuse of the children had been alleged of Zehm. Three files were located. The first from April 26, 2026, where it was reported that Zehm was holding a child down and hitting the child. The second, on April 29, 2026, was when Zehm wanted help surrendering the children to Child Protective Services. Third, on May 7, 2026, it was alleged that Zehm had assaulted or over punished Victim.

Due to the investigation and situation described, Officers deemed it necessary to take custody of Zehm's children.

Zehm was arrested shortly later and transported to Blue Earth County Jail.

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:
05/11/2026 02:22 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Benjamin J Dolan
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
05/11/2026 02:10 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: May 11, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/11/2026 02:49 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.

Cora Rose Zehm

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: