State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114687
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4958

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAMIAN JAMES CHAPA DOB: 04/28/2000

102 N Oak Street
Vernon Center, MN 56090

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: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death
Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(1)
Maximum Sentence: 90 days or $1,000 fine, or both.
Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 11/08/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26023107

Charge Description: On or about November 8, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Damian James Chapa, did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death.

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): 11/09/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26023107

Charge Description: On or about November 9, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Damian James Chapa, 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.

COUNT III

Charge: Domestic Abuse No Contact Order - Violate No Contact Order - Misdemeanor
Minnesota Statute: 629.75.2(b)
Maximum Sentence: 90 days or $1,000 fine, or both.
Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 11/08/2026 to 11/09/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26023107

Charge Description: On or about November 9, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Damian James Chapa did violate a Domestic Abuse No-Contact Order and the respondent or person to be restrained knew of the existence of the order.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On November 9th, 2026, deputies from the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to an active domestic situation at a residence in Vernon Center. Victim 1 called and stated that the father of her children, Damian James Chapa (DOB: 04/28/2000), had come over to her residence.

Chapa is the subject of an active Domestic Abuse No Contact Order ("DANCO") in 07-CR-26-2681, issued by a Blue Earth County District Court Judge on September 29th, 2026. The DANCO lists Victim 1 as the protected party and precludes Chapa from any contact, direct or indirect, with Victim 1. Chapa was made personally aware of the DANCO by the Judge in open court where Chapa was personally present. Chapa was informed that he was precluded from any contact with Victim 1.

Deputy Lund responded to the residence and spoke with Victim 1. Victim 1 stated that Chapa had been making suicidal comments and came over to her residence on November 8th, 2026. Chapa attempted to get Victim 1 to have sex with him and Victim 1 declined. Victim 1 then locked herself in the car with a blanket to sleep away from Chapa. Chapa became so upset that he kicked the door so aggressively, several times, that it broke the door handle and dented the door. Victim 1 was afraid that Chapa was going to break through and hurt her.

Victim 1 told Deputy Lund that after she refused to leave the car, Chapa then proceeded to grab the two minor children that Chapa and Victim 1 have in common and brought them outside in front of Victim 1 while Victim 1 remained in the vehicle. Victim 1 got out of the vehicle in order to get her kids from Chapa and Chapa wrestled her for the keys to the vehicle and took them away from Victim 1.

Victim 1 told Deputy Lund that, on November 9th, Victim 1 attempted to go into her bedroom so that she could pick up a medication prescription for one of the kids. Chapa found Victim 1 attempting to grab her items and became so angry that he grabbed Victim 1 and threw her to the ground. Victim 1 sustained an injury to her left arm as a result of Chapa's actions.

While Deputy Lund was speaking with Victim 1, she received a text message from Chapa that stated that Chapa wished that last night and this morning didn't happen.

Law enforcement located Chapa at a residence in Winnebago but Chapa refused to exit the residence when police knocked on the door. While at the residence in Vernon Center, Victim 1 located a Smith and Wesson rifle, a 40 round PMAG magazine, and 57 rounds of .223 ammunition in Chapa's property.

Chapa is precluded from possessing firearms as part of his release conditions in 07-CR-26-2681. Given Chapa's refusal to comply with law enforcement and his whereabouts remaining unknown, his access to firearms and ammunition, his violations of the Court's order in 07-CR-26-2681, and his continued assaultive behavior toward Victim 1, the State is requesting a Complaint Warrant in this matter to prevent imminent harm to Victim 1.

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:
11/19/2026 12:48 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
11/19/2026 12:44 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.

☒ ***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: November 20, 2026.

Judicial Officer Allison L Krehbiel
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/20/2026 10:12 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.

Damian James Chapa

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: