

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113143
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1232

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BILLY GEAN GARRETT JR DOB: 05/21/1969

209 Dewey Lane #210
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: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009215

Charge Description: On or about March 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Billy Gean Garrett Jr, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

COUNT II

Charge: Domestic Assault-Felony

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.4

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009215

Charge Description: On or about March 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Billy Gean Garrett Jr 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 and has two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency within ten years following discharge from sentence or disposition for that offense.

COUNT III

Charge: Domestic Assault-Felony

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.4

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009215

Charge Description: On or about March 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Billy Gean Garrett Jr did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflicted or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another and has two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency within ten years following discharge from sentence or disposition for that offense.

COUNT IV

Charge: Domestic Assault - By Strangulation

Minnesota Statute: 609.2247.2

Maximum Sentence: 3 years or \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009215

Charge Description: On or about March 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Billy Gean Garrett Jr did assault a family or household member by strangulation.

COUNT V

Charge: False Imprisonment-Intentional Restraint

Minnesota Statute: 609.255.2

Maximum Sentence: 3 years or \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26009215

Charge Description: On or about March 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Billy Gean Garrett Jr, did, knowingly lacking lawful authority to do so, intentionally confined or restrained another person without the person's consent.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On March 28, 2026, at approximately 3:14 AM, officers of the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a residence regarding a domestic incident. Victim 1 had called 911 and reported that someone was trying to beat her up.

Officers arrived and made contact with Billy Gean Garrett Jr. (dob 05/21/1969). Officers also made contact with Victim 1.

Victim 1 said she has been in a significant romantic relationship with Garrett for approximately three months. On this date, they were consuming alcoholic beverages and were inside the residence. Garrett observed a text message from Victim 1's ex-husband which upset Garrett. Garrett became upset and started saying things to Victim 1 including how he would "beat her ass." An argument ensued and Garrett threatened to kill Victim 1 numerous times. These threats caused Victim 1 to be scared for her life and she believed that Garrett may try to kill her.

Victim 1 stated she attempted to leave the bedroom, but Garrett stopped her and would not let her leave. Garrett then began choking Victim 1 by grabbing her neck and choking her. Garrett choked Victim 1 to the point where she could not breathe. Victim 1 said she defended herself by throwing Garrett on the bed and putting him in a headlock. Victim 1 said she was able to run out of the residence and called 911.

Officers observed scratch marks on Victim 1, including on her neck.

Garrett claimed that Victim 1 had hurt him and he was just defending himself by pushing her off him.

Garrett has numerous prior QDVRO convictions, including four DANCO violations from 2025.

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

Adam Gray
Operations Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3117

Electronically Signed:
03/30/2026 10:37 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:
03/30/2026 10:16 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: March 30, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/30/2026 11:02 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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Billy Gean Garrett Jr

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: