

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113450
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2063

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

KARL FRANCIS KAUFFMANN DOB: 08/18/1990

No Permanent Address
Mankato, MN 56001-4524

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: Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(a)(1), with reference to: 152.025.4(b)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/19/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26015453

Charge Description: On or about May 19, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Karl Francis Kauffmann, did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products or a residual amount of one or more mixtures of controlled substances contained in drug paraphernalia, and the mixture does not include any amount of a controlled substance in a fluid used in a water pipe and said controlled substance was more than .25 grams or 1 dosage unit

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On May 19, 2026, Officers were dispatched to parking lot of Business 1 located in the city of Mankato, within the County of Blue Earth, regarding a complaint made by Witness 1 who is employed by Business 1. Witness 1 reported an older model beige camper that was in Business 1's parking lot with people living in it. Witness 1 had asked the occupants of the camper to leave earlier in the day, which the camper did not leave and is still parked there several hours later. Witness 1 wanted law enforcement to speak to the occupants about leaving the lot with their camper.

Officers Noah Christ and Colin Johnson of the Mankato Department of Public Safety arrived on scene and observed the motor home to bear Minnesota license plate RVE6290. Officers approached the vehicle and Officer Johnson observed an opening on one of the side windows and observed the following in plain view:

- Glass bubble pipe with burnt white residue.
- Multiple gem style baggies that appeared to have white crystalized residue.
- Butane torch near the location of the bubble pipe.

Officer Christ observed someone inside the camper, moving towards the side door. Officer Christ knocked on the side door, and a male opened the side door and exited the camper. The male was identified by his Minnesota Driver's license as Karl Renee Kauffmann (08/18/1990). Kauffman indicated that he was staying with his mother in the camper. Officer Christ informed Kauffman of the complaint by Business 1 and Kauffman acknowledged that his mother had informed him of this.

After speaking with Kauffman regarding the complaint, Officer Johnson then asked Kauffman regarding methamphetamine in the camper. Kauffman denied there being any Methamphetamine in the camper. Officer Johnson then informed Kauffman that he would be searching the camper. Kauffman was then detained and seated on the ground. Kauffman then admitted to there being a "little bit" of methamphetamine in the camper. Kauffman indicated there to be 1.75 grams in the vehicle.

Officers then searched the camper and located the following:

- Gem Style plastic baggies containing a white crystalline residue which field tested positive for methamphetamine.
- Small chunks of burnt residue in a small clear plastic baggie that field tested positive methamphetamine, which the weight of the substance and plastic baggie was approximately 0.54g
- A brown powdery substance in a small clear plastic baggie which field tested positive for methamphetamine, which the weight of the substance and plastic baggie was approximately 2.44g.
- A digital scale with white clear crystalline residue which field tested positive for methamphetamine.
- A stack of 2x3 inch resealable plastic baggies.
- A small safe disguised as a book that contained multiple clear plastic baggies with a white crystalline residue which field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Kauffman was placed under arrest and transported to the Blue Earth County Jail. Kauffman has a prior 3rd degree felony conviction from 2017.

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

Jesse Gilbertson
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3126

Electronically Signed:
05/20/2026 02:18 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:
05/20/2026 01:32 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 20, 2026.

Judicial Officer Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/20/2026 02:54 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.

Karl Francis Kauffmann

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: