State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114724
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4869

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SARAH LYNN PADGETT DOB: 02/13/2002

122 Knollcrest Drive #203
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: 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): 11/13/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26036561

Charge Description: On or about November 13, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Sarah Lynn Padgett did assault a family or household member by strangulation.

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): 11/13/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26036561

Charge Description: On or about November 13, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Sarah Lynn Padgett, 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 November 13th, 2026, Officer Sokolov of the Mankato Department of Public Safety received a call regarding a domestic assault that had occurred at an apartment complex within the City of Mankato. Officer Sokolov spoke with Witness 1, the sister of Victim 1. Witness 1 stated that her sister, Victim 1, had called for help after being assaulted by Sarah Lynn Padgett (DOB: 02/13/2002).

Officer Sokolov spoke with Victim 1 who stated that she had been in a significant romantic relationship over the past two years with Padgett. Victim 1 stated that she had been staying with Padgett on and off again as well. Victim 1 said that on November 13th, she and Padgett got into an argument about their relationship. During that argument, Padgett lunged toward Victim 1 and grabbed her by the neck and slammed her head into the wall. Victim 1 stated that the back of her head hit the wall. Victim 1 said that Padgett told her to “watch your fucking mouth” and “grab your shit and go.”

Victim 1 then attempted to gather her belongings while Padgett continued to argue with her. Victim 1 told Padget that she wished they had never met and Padgett threatened to bash Victim 1’s head into the wall. Padgett then grabbed Victim 1’s hair and slammed her head into the wall near the front door of the apartment. Padgett then grabbed Victim 1 by the throat and held her against the wall by her throat. Victim 1 reported that she couldn’t breathe for 30 seconds and that she asked Padgett to stop because she was in pain.

Victim 1 stated that she grabbed Padgett’s wrists to get her hands from Victim 1’s throat. Victim 1 was able to get free and called her sister, Witness 1, to come pick her up. Victim 1 provided Officer Sokolov with pictures of her injuries. Officer Sokolov noted that Victim 1 had bruising and a scratch on her neck that ranged from her throat to under her ear, red bruising/scratching on her right shoulder, numerous red bruising and scratch marks on her back and left shoulder blade area, and a red bruise on her wrist.

Officer Sokolov spoke with Padgett and asked her if she ever put her hands on Victim 1. Padgett stated “not that I recall.”

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:
11/16/2026 12:35 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:
11/16/2026 12:13 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 16, 2026.

Judicial Officer Allison L Krehbiel
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/16/2026 03:23 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.

Sarah Lynn Padgett

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: