

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070111374
Court File No. 07-CR-25-1150

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,
vs.

COMPLAINT
Summons
 Tab Charge/Citation Previously Filed

PRESTON PAUL GOETTLICHER DOB: 08/14/2006
2119 Burnett Lane
North Mankato, MN 56003
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: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Controlled Substance

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(2), with reference to: 169A.27.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/01/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25001493

Charge Description: On or about February 1, 2025 at 8:37 PM, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Preston Paul Goettlicher, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of a controlled substance.

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of intoxicating substance - Impaired

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(3), with reference to: 169A.27.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/01/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25001493

Charge Description: On or about February 1, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Preston Paul Goettlicher, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of an intoxicating substance and the person knows or has reason to know that the substance has the capacity to cause impairment.

COUNT III

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Body Contains Any Amount Schedule I/II Drugs -

Not Marijuana

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(7), with reference to: 169A.27.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/01/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25001493

Charge Description: On or about February 1, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Preston Paul Goettlicher, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when the person's body contains any amount of a controlled substance listed in schedule I or II, or its metabolite, other than marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinols.

COUNT IV

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Under influence; Cannabis/hemp product, artificial CBD/THC

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(8), with reference to: 169A.27.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/01/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25001493

Charge Description: On or about February 1, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Preston Paul Goettlicher, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of cannabis flower, a cannabis product, a lower-potency hemp edible, a hemp-derived consumer product, an artificially derived cannabinoid, or tetrahydrocannabinols.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On February 1, 2025, Deputies Schnorenberg and Gehrke were dispatched to Business 1 in Blue Earth County in reference to a welfare check that an individual had called-in on themselves. Goettlicher called 911 seeking assistance and stated that he ate some mushrooms from a smoke shop. While speaking with dispatch Goettlicher stated he was in his vehicle listening to music and needed help after taking some substances.

While Goettlicher was speaking with dispatch, Witness 1 arrived and spoke with dispatch as well. Witness 1 stated that Goettlicher was sitting in his truck and that Witness 1 took Goettlicher's keys. Witness 1 advised dispatch that Goettlicher had called and told him and Witness 2 that Goettlicher took synthetic mushrooms that he had purchased at a smoke shop in Mankato; Witness 1 also stated that Goettlicher looks like he's under the influence.

Deputy Schnorenberg, along with Deputy Gehrke, responded to Mt. Kato. Deputy Schnorenberg was flagged down by Goettlicher and Witness 1. Deputy Schnorenberg spoke with Goettlicher who stated that he had consumed an entire package of mushrooms purchased from a smoke shop and "hit" a THC vaporizer multiple times while at Mt. Kato.

Goettlicher informed Deputy Schnorenberg that while Goettlicher was going down the hill at Mt. Kato he began urinating his pants and was aware that he was urinating but did not know why. Deputy Schnorenberg reported that in his training and experience being consciously aware of what is occurring but not having control over it is a common occurrence with Hallucinogens.

Goettlicher also reported to Deputy Schnorenberg that he had been sitting in the driver's seat of his vehicle when he called 911. Goettlicher informed Deputy Schnorenberg that the keys to the pickup were in the ignition and the vehicle turned to on, so that he could have the vehicle not running but still be able to charge his phone and listen to music after realizing he was needing help due to the consumption of the THC and Hallucinogens. Goettlicher also reported that Witness 1 arrived prior to law enforcement arriving and took the keys out of the ignition.

Deputy Schnorenberg conducted Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFSTs) with Goettlicher. During the SFSTs, Deputy Schnorenberg observed a brownish residue on Goettlicher's tongue, which Deputy Schnorenberg has found through his training and experience to be common after eating psychedelic mushrooms. Goettlicher also often smiled and giggled throughout the testing process. Goettlicher stated he was aware it was happening and believed it was due to the substances he ingested. Deputy Schnorenberg noted this was another example of involuntary bodily reaction that, through his training and experience, is common with Hallucinogens.

After completing the SFSTs, Deputy Schnorenberg gave Goettlicher a preliminary breath test to rule out alcohol. Goettlicher provided a breath sample that tested .000BAC. Goettlicher was placed under arrest and brought to the Blue Earth County Jail for further evaluation.

At the Blue Earth County Jail, Deputy Lewis began an evaluation of Goettlicher in his capacity as a certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). During that evaluation, Goettlicher was read his miranda rights and agreed to speak with Deputy Lewis. Goettlicher informed Deputy Lewis that Goettlicher had consumed THC and Hallucinogens throughout the afternoon starting at approximately 12:00 PM on February 1, 2025. During his interview with Deputy Lewis, Goettlicher indicated he consumed 3.5 grams (g) of psilocybin mushrooms and a few "hits" off of the THC cartridge vape. Goettlicher stated that he had purchased the Hallucinogens from a smoke shop by Cub Foods West in Mankato. He indicated that they were mushrooms that he purchased. After completion of the evaluation, Deputy Lewis informed Deputy

Schnorenberg that it was his opinion that Goettlicher was under the influence of both cannabis and hallucinogens and that it was not safe for Goettlicher to drive, operate, or physically control a motor vehicle.

Deputy Schnorenberg applied for a search warrant to obtain a blood or urine sample from Goettlicher. The search warrant was granted and signed on February 1, 2026. After the evaluation Goettlicher was transported to Mayo Clinic Health System. At the Mayo Clinic Health System, Deputy Schnorenberg showed Goettlicher the search warrant and Goettlicher agreed to provide a sample of his blood.

MCHS Phlebotomist Witness 3 executed the search warrant and obtained two tubes of Goettlicher's blood. Deputy Schnorenberg sealed the kit in front of Goettlicher and sent the sealed kit to the BCA for testing. On March 18, 2025, the BCA issued a report indicating that Goettlicher's blood was positive for delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, 11-hydroxy-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (hydroxy-THC) an active metabolite of delta-9-THC, and 11-nor-9-carboxy-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (carboxy-THC) an inactive metabolite of delta-9-THC. The BCA Toxicology report further indicated that they do not currently test for psilocybin (mushrooms) in blood. Goettlicher's blood test was not determinative regarding the psilocybin.

Hallucinogens, including psilocybin, are a controlled substance under Minn. Stat. § 152.02, Subd. 2(d). Cannabinoids and tetrahydrocannabinol are listed as controlled substances under Minn. Stat. §§ 152.02, Subd. 3(f) and Subd. 4(i).

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

Mitchell Gahler
Deputy Sheriff
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2731

Electronically Signed:
06/09/2026 12:43 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:
06/09/2026 11:42 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.

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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: June 9, 2026.

Judicial Officer Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/09/2026 03:57 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.

Preston Paul Goettlicher

Defendant

*LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this
Summons upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: