

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070112800
Court File No. 07-CR-26-514

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SARAH ELIZABETH WINKELMAN DOB: 04/07/1981

205 Woodhill Court
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: 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): 02/07/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26003909

Charge Description: On or about February 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Sarah Elizabeth Winkelman, 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, and the mixture does not include any amount of a controlled substance in a fluid used in a water pipe, and the person possesses more than one dosage unit if the substance is packaged in dosage units.

COUNT II

Charge: Assault-5th Deg-Inflict or Attempt Bodily Harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.224.1(2)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/07/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26003909

Charge Description: On or about February 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Sarah Elizabeth Winkelman, did intentionally inflict or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another.

COUNT III

Charge: Pharmacy - Legend Drugs- Unlawful Possess/Sell/Give Away/Barter/Exchange/Distribute

Minnesota Statute: 151.37.1

Maximum Sentence: 90 day and/or \$1,000 fine

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/07/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26003909

Charge Description: On or about February 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Sarah Elizabeth Winkelman did, have in possession, sell, give away, barter, exchange, or distribute a legend drug.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On February 7, 2026, at approximately 7:52 PM, dispatch received a call from Victim 1, who is a food delivery driver, who reported that she had delivered food at approximately 12:30 PM to a residence in the City of Mankato. Victim 1 stated she got stuck in the driveway and that the customer, later identified as Sarah Winkelman, had assaulted her.

Ofc. Brianna Wagner, with the Mankato Department of Public Safety, made contact with Victim 1. Victim 1 stated she had gone to the residence to deliver food when she got stuck in the snow at the end of the driveway. Victim 1 stated she knocked on the door of the residence to see if they would help her. Victim 1 stated that Winkelman came out of the residence and instead of helping her began to circle the car. Victim 1 stated that the driver's door was open and that Victim 1's leg was hanging out.

Victim 1 stated that Winkelman was verbally confrontational and screaming profanity at her. Victim 1 stated that Winkelman then slammed the door shut, striking Victim 1's foot and causing injury. Victim 1 stated that two men who were present, one of which would later be identified as Steven Paul Olson, took Winkelman back inside.

Ofc. Wagner discovered that there is a Domestic Assault No Contact Order (DANCO) in place that prohibits Olson from having contact with Winkelman. The DANCO prohibits Olson from having contact with Winkelman, "directly, indirectly or through other others, by telephone, in writing, electronically or by any other means." The DANCO was issued and served on Olson on December 23, 2025, in Blue Earth County file 07-CR-25-5203.

Ofc. Wagner then went to the residence. Ofc. Wagner knocked on the door and Olson answered. Winkelman was also present in the home. Ofc. Wagner informed Olson that he was in violation of the DANCO and Olson was placed under arrest.

Ofc. Wagner located Winkelman inside of the residence. Winkelman denied assaulting Victim 1. Ofc. Wagner informed Winkelman that she was under arrest for assault. Ofc. Wagner allowed Winkelman to grab any medications that she would need. Winkelman went to her purse and removed a couple of prescription pill bottles. Both of the prescription pill bottles were labeled as being prescribed to Olson. Winkelman commented that she needed to take one of the pills, a beta blocker that is a legend drug.

Ofc. Wagner then collected the bag that contained all of Winkelman's medications. Once at the jail, Ofc. Wagner took the medications out of Winkelman's bag and found a prescription bottle belonging to Olson containing multiple alprazolam pills. Alprazolam is a Schedule IV controlled substance. The other items in the bag clearly showed that the bag belonged to Winkelman.

Ofc. Aaron Gelle transported Olson to jail. Olson told Ofc. Gelle that Winkelman had been taking his prescription beta blockers.

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:
02/09/2026 10:27 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Michael Hanson
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
02/09/2026 10:19 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: February 9, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 02/09/2026 10:57 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.

Sarah Elizabeth Winkelman

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: