

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070111841
Court File No. 07-CR-25-5111

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAWN MARIE SMITH DOB: 06/06/1966

849 South Bend Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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-DL-Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety

Minnesota Statute: 171.24.5

Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/11/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25017157

Charge Description: On or about October 11, 2025, in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Dawn Marie Smith did after being given notice, or reasonably should have known of the cancelation, disobeyed the order by operating in this state any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, while her license or privilege was canceled; and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has determined that the operation of a motor vehicle on the highways by the person would be inimical to the public safety or welfare.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 11, 2025, Blue Earth County Sheriff Deputy Brandon Kowalski was on patrol at the intersection of Hemlock Rd/Co Rd 90, when he observed a black Buick Century drive past. Upon running the license plate number through MN DVS, the Deputy learned that the registered owner of the vehicle was Canceled-Inimical to Public Safety (DAC-IPS). The Deputy then confirmed that Dawn Marie Smith, DOB: 06/06/1966 was confirmed as DAC-IPS.

Deputy Kowalski initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle, walked to the driver side window, and confirmed the driver was Smith. The Deputy explained to Smith the reason for the stop and asked her if she was aware that her driving status was DAC-IPS. She responded that she was not aware that her license had been suspended. The Deputy asked if she had any prior DWI arrests, as in his experience, that is normally how drivers obtain DAC-IPS status. Smith stated that she had a blood draw Warrant done after a motorcycle crash "not long ago" from Brown County but stated that she had not heard anything after on the status of that investigation.

Based on the DVS record, Smith was notified of the cancelation of her license on September 10, 2025. As of September 30, 2025, her driver's license status was listed as "IPS Cancelled."

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

Paul Barta
Captain
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2721

Electronically Signed:
12/17/2025 08:12 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Deja L. Weber
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
12/15/2025 09:15 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: December 17, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 12/17/2025 09:22 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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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: