

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113967
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3315

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH SCOTT HOFFMAN DOB: 04/17/1986

215 Belle Avenue
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 Abuse No Contact Order - Violate No Contact Order - within 10 years of previous conviction

Minnesota Statute: 629.75.2(c)

Maximum Sentence: 10 days to 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26016866

Charge Description: On or about August 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Scott Hoffman did violate a Domestic Abuse No-Contact Order and the respondent or person to be restrained knew of the existence of the order and the violation occurred within ten years of a previous qualified domestic violence-related offense conviction or adjudication of delinquency.

COUNT II

Charge: Domestic Abuse; Violates order for protection w/in 10 years of previous conviction/adj of delinq.

Minnesota Statute: 518B.01.14(c)

Maximum Sentence: 10 days to 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/11/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26016866

Charge Description: On or about August 11, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Scott Hoffman did knowingly violate an order for protection within ten years of a previous qualified domestic violence-related offense conviction or adjudication of delinquency

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 11, 2026, Deputy Cole Lund of The Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a possible DANCO violation. Deputy Lund spoke with Victim, and she informed Deputy Lund that Joseph Hoffman ((DOB 04/17/1986), had added her twice in the last month on a game called, "Monopoly Go". Deputy Lund confirmed through DVS that there is an active DANCO and OFP between the two with Victim listed as the protected party. Victim provided Deputy Lund with a screenshot of the friend request and screenshot of this Facebook profile to show the profile picture matched the Monopoly Go account.

On March 26, 2026, Joseph Scott Hoffman was personally served an Order for Protection ("OFP") issued in 07-FA-26-1168 prohibiting him from having any contact with Victim.

On March 23, 2026, a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order ("DANCO") was issued prohibiting Hoffman from having any contact with Victim. That DANCO was served on Hoffman March 23, 2026.

Deputy Lund went to Hoffman's residence located in Vernon City, which is located within the County of Blue Earth, regarding the violations. Hoffman was cooperative when placed under arrest. Hoffman was then transported to Blue Earth County Jail. Hoffman recently pled guilty to a qualified domestic violence related offense on July 20, 2026, in file 07-CR-26-1236 and currently set for a Sentencing Hearing.

Hoffman was previously convicted of 5th Degree Assault in 07-CR-25-3248 on December 30, 2025.

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

Joshua Steinbach
Detective
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2725

Electronically Signed:
08/12/2026 11:16 AM
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:
08/12/2026 10:22 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: August 12, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Bradley C Walker
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/12/2026 11:43 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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Joseph Scott Hoffman

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: