

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113954
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3269

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

DONALD TERRIENCE THOMAS III DOB: 08/03/1989

17831 340th Avenue
Winnebago, MN 56098-4580

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: Domestic Assault-Felony

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.4

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/09/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26025166

Charge Description: On or about August 9, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Donald Terrence Thomas III did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflicted or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another and has two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency within ten years following discharge from sentence or disposition for that offense.

COUNT II

Charge: Domestic Assault-Felony

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.4

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/09/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26025166

Charge Description: On or about August 9, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Donald Terrence Thomas III did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death and has two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency within ten years following discharge from sentence or disposition for that offense.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 9, 2026, Officer Keane of the Mankato Department of Public Safety was dispatched to a disturbance in Mankato, Minnesota, Blue Earth County. A female called and stated that she needed an officer there as soon as possible.

Officer Keane arrived on scene and made contact with Victim 1. Victim 1 was emotional and was visibly in tears. Victim 1 advised that Donald Terrence Thomas III (a family or household member) was there but had left. Victim 1 stated that she had a female friend over who left the door slightly cracked open when she left. Thomas then returned home and observed the front door partially cracked open. Victim 1 stated that Thomas became irate and accused Victim 1 of having another man over. Thomas began screaming at Victim 1.

Victim 1 stated she retreated into the bedroom but there is no lock on the door. Defendant then came into the room and laid next to Victim 1. Victim 1 stated she became upset and threw her vape at the door frame. Another argument ensued and Thomas got on top of Victim 1 trying to stop her from screaming. Thomas then bit Victim 1 on the top of her head.

Officer Keane felt an obvious bump on the top of Victim 1's head. When Officer Keane touched the bump, Victim 1 whimpered and advised Officer Keane that it was painful.

Officer Keane explained that Thomas was likely going to be arrested. Victim 1 started to panic and stated the Thomas will kill her. Victim 1 then said she actually just hit herself.

Officers attempted to contact Thomas. At one point, he stated that he would meet with officers, but he never showed up.

Since 2010, Thomas has been convicted of nine qualified domestic violence related offenses including recent convictions for felony violation of a no contact order in 2023 in court file number 52CR2392, threats of violence in 2023 in court file number 07CR211225, and felony domestic assault in 2023 in court file number 07CR223213.

Thomas is an active danger to public safety. A warrant is requested.

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

Ken Baker
Commander/Patrol Division
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3144

Electronically Signed:
08/10/2026 04:37 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
08/10/2026 03:57 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: Hold for Court

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 11, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Bradley C Walker
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/11/2026 09:25 AM

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

COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA

State of Minnesota

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Donald Terrence Thomas III

Defendant

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

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: