

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

0070114427
07-CR-26-4359

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARIAH JENAE SANTACRUZ DOB: 12/09/1999

705 4th Street Ne
Waseca, MN 56093

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: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1, with reference to: 609.713.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26033158

Charge Description: On or about October 14, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Mariah Jenae Santacruz, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

COUNT II

Charge: Damage to Property - 3rd Degree - Reduce Value \$501-\$1000

Minnesota Statute: 609.595.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.595.2(a)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26033158

Charge Description: On or about October 14, 20206, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Mariah Santacruz intentionally caused damage to another person's physical property without the other person's consent and the damage reduced the value of the property by more than \$500 but not more than \$1,000 as measured by the cost of repair and replacement.

COUNT III

Charge: Harassment - Causes or reasonably expect to cause substantial emotional distress to

other person

Minnesota Statute: 609.749.2(b)(3), with reference to: 609.749.2(b)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26033158

Charge Description: On or about October 14, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Mariah Jenae Santacruz, did commit harassment with intent to kill, harass, or intimidate another person by causing or reasonably expecting to cause substantial emotional distress to the other person.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 14, 2026, Officer Ellis of the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to a report of a domestic incident. Officer Ellis spoke with Victim 1 by phone. Victim 1 reported that the mother of his child, Mariah Jenae Santacruz (DOB: 12/09/1999), threw a brick through the window of his residence (in the City of Mankato) and fled in a black Ford Fusion.

Victim 1 reported that he awoke at his residence to a “bang, bang, bang,” to the side of his house. Victim 1 looked out the window and saw Santacruz. Victim 1 then heard Santacruz say something about sleeping with other women and observed Santacruz throw a brick through the window of his daughter’s bedroom window. An older male was present with Santacruz and told her not to throw the brick and to calm down. Victim 1 believed it was Santacruz’s grandfather. Victim 1 stated his daughter was currently with Santacruz.

Officer Ellis responded with Officer Wanderscheid to a residence in Mankato to speak with Santacruz. Officers knocked but received no response.

A short time later, Victim 1 again called dispatch stating that he had received a phone call from Santacruz who referenced Victim 1 calling the police and stated she was “going to throw the baby off a bridge” and he would never see their child again. Victim 1 tried to call Santacruz back multiple times but received no response. Victim 1 received a text from Santacruz stating “cops can’t help you.”

Officer Ellis started a ping on Santacruz’s phone and requested a COPS Alert on the black Ford Fusion (MN/LIC: FYJ386).

Officer Johnson located the vehicle at Business 1 in the City of Mankato. Santacruz was with her grandfather and her infant. The child was unharmed in the back of the vehicle. Officer located a small bag of green leafy substance which Santacruz identified as marijuana in her possession. Officers placed a 72-hour hold on the infant.

Victim 1 provided Officer Ellis with photos of the damaged window and a photo of the brick. The damage to the window is estimated between \$500-\$1,600.

Officer Johnson transported Santacruz to the BEC Jail. She told Officer Johnson “I went and knocked on his door for my fucking charger” and “I didn’t assault anybody; I didn’t bust any windows.”

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:
10/15/2026 02:07 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

John L.V. Brooks
Assistant Blue Earth County
Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
10/15/2026 11:56 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: October 15, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Bradley C Walker
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/15/2026 03:28 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.

Mariah Jenae Santacruz

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: