State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114444
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4756

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PAUL DONALD SEVERSON DOB: 02/04/1959

51834 Edgewater Road
Lake Crystal, MN 56055

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: Disorderly Conduct - Offensive/Abusive/Boisterous/Noisy/Obscene
Minnesota Statute: 609.72.1(3)
Maximum Sentence: 90 days or $1,000 fine, or both.
Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/12/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26021164

Charge Description: On or about October 12, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Paul Donald Severson did, in a public or private place, including on a school bus, knowing, or having reasonable grounds to know it will, or will tend to, alarm, anger or disturb others or provoke an assault or breach of the peace, engaged in offensive, obscene, abusive, boisterous, or noisy conduct or in offensive, obscene, or abusive language tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger, or resentment in others.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 12, 2026, Deputy Schnorenberg from the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a location in the City of Lake Crystal, Blue Earth County, following a report by Witness 1 that Witness 1's neighbor was outside walking around naked again. Witness 1 complained of having seen her neighbor naked outside many times, at all hours of the day. On this occasion, Witness 1 said Witness 1 could see the man's penis and he was holding a cup of coffee. The man was identified as Paul Donald Severson (DOB: 02/04/1959).

Witness 1 said Witness 1 was tired of seeing Severson naked and was concerned children would see Severson naked.

Deputy Schnorenberg spoke with Severson who admitted to being outside naked. Severson said he likes to go outside and urinate in the mornings.

Severson was convicted of Indecent Exposure in Court File No. 07-CR-26-3068 and Disorderly Conduct in Court File No. 07-CR-25-4425. Court File No. 07-CR-25-4425 arose after reports that Severson had been doing yardwork while nude. Multiple witnesses reported that they and their children had seen Severson nude outside on multiple occasions. When a Deputy from the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office went to Severson's residence to speak with Severson, the Deputy observed Severson nude.

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:
11/09/2026 09:37 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Christopher K Lowe
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
11/06/2026 09:54 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).

[X] 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: November 9, 2026.

Judicial Officer Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/09/2026 09:49 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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Defendant

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: