

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114516
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4511

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DERRICK SCOTT BUTSON DOB: 09/30/1993

105 Raven Court
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: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.24.1

Maximum Sentence: 7 years or \$14,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/24/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26034283

Charge Description: On or about October 24, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Derrick Scott Butson, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol, and the violation was committed within ten years of the first of three or more qualified driving incidents or he has previously been convicted of Criminal Vehicular Operation Substantial Bodily Harm, in violation of Minn. Stat. 609.2113.2(3)

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(5), with reference to: 169A.24.1

Maximum Sentence: 7 years or \$14,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/24/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26034283

Charge Description: On or about October 24, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Derrick Scott Butson, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when his alcohol concentration at the time, or as measured within two hours of the time, of driving, operating or being in physical control of the motor vehicle was 0.08 or more, and the violation was committed within ten years of the first of three or more qualified driving incidents or he has previously been convicted of Criminal Vehicular

Operation Substantial Bodily Harm, in violation of Minn. Stat. 609.2113.2(3).

COUNT III

Charge: Ignition Interlock - Licensed individual operate motor vehicle w/out ignition interlock

Minnesota Statute: 171.306.6(c)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/24/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26034283

Charge Description: On or about October 24, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Derrick Butson. did, while holding a restricted license issued under section 171.306, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle that was not equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device certified by the commissioner.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 24, 2026, at around 2:18 a.m., Officer Hermanson of the Mankato Department of Public Safety was on routine patrol near the intersection of 2nd Street and Cherry Street when he observed a black Ram pickup pass him going northbound without taillights activated.

Officer Hermanson stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as Derrick Scott Butson (DOB: 9/30/1993). Officer Hermanson observed that Butson's driver's license had an ignition interlock restriction and the vehicle was not equipped with ignition interlock.

Sergeant Price arrived to assist. Sgt. Price observed the odor of consumed alcoholic beverage in the vehicle. Butson admitted to having 3 or 4 beers.

Officer Hermanson initiated a DWI investigation. He observed that Butson's eyes were glassy and he slurred his speech. Officer Hermanson administered the horizontal gaze nystagmus test. He observed all six or six possible clues on the HGN. During the walk-and-turn, he observed that Butson lost balance during instructions, started before instructions concluded, and used his arms for balance. Butson set his foot down during the one-legged stand. Butson provided a PBT of .14. Butson agreed to take the DMT. Officer Christ read Butson the breath test advisory. Butson provided a sample of .12.

Butson has a prior felony conviction from July 17, 2018, for Criminal Vehicular Operation Substantial Bodily Harm, in violation of Minn. Stat. § 609.2113.2(3) in Court File # 40-CR-17-1119.

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

Adam Gray
Operations Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3117

Electronically Signed:
10/26/2026 10:18 AM
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:
10/26/2026 09:36 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 26, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/26/2026 10:41 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 Order of Detention upon the Defendant herein named.

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: