

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114272
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4039

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANTHONY LEE ROBERTS DOB: 12/31/2005

130 Homestead Road #20
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: Criminal Sexual Conduct - 3rd Degree - Penetration; Victim 14 - 15 Actor > 24m older

Minnesota Statute: 609.344.1a(b), with reference to: 609.344.2(1)

Maximum Sentence: 15 Years or \$30,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/30/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26023965

Charge Description: On or about July 30, 2026, in Blue Earth County, Minnesota, Anthony Lee Roberts engaged in sexual penetration with another person age 15 years, and the defendant was more than 24 months older and less than 60 months older than the victim.

COUNT II

Charge: Use Minors in Sexual Performance/Pornographic Work

Minnesota Statute: 617.246.2(a)

Maximum Sentence: 10 years or \$20,000 or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/30/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26023965

Charge Description: On or about July 30, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Anthony Lee Roberts, did promote, employ, use or permit a minor to engage in or assist others to engage minors in posing or modeling alone or with others in any sexual performance or pornographic work if the person knows or has reason to know that the conduct intended is a sexual performance or a pornographic work.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In 2026, the St. Peter Police Department has received several reports involving Anthony Lee Roberts (DOB: 12/31/2005) and Victim 1 (DOB: 12/26/2010).

An earlier report was that Roberts and Victim 1 were dating. Roberts is currently 20 years old and Victim 1 is 15 years old.

Investigation revealed that Roberts and Victim 1 had been lying to others about Roberts' age.

In March 2026, a student in St. Peter, Minnesota reported to police the student observed Victim 1 performing oral sex on Defendant in the St. Peter Community Center parking lot. Reportedly, Roberts chased the student, causing a vehicle collision.

On another occasion, St. Peter police checked on a vehicle with fogged-up windows. Roberts and Victim 1 were inside the vehicle, and Victim 1 was hiding under a blanket. Victim 1 told police Victim 1 had been dating Roberts since January.

Then St. Peter police received reports on two occasions about Roberts and Victim 1 having sex.

On June 5, 2026, Victim 1 and Witness 1 had contact with law enforcement while they were with Roberts. Victim 1 and Witness 1 were both 15 years old at the time and Roberts was 20.

Witness 1 told officers that Victim 1 and Defendant were dating and having sex.

During a subsequent investigation, Witness 2 reported Witness 2 saw Victim 1 perform oral sex on Defendant.

As early as 2025, Roberts' brother reported to the Mankato Department of Public Safety that Roberts was having sex with two or three girls who were 14 or 15 years old.

Around July 30, 2026, Witness 3 reported to the Le Sueur County Sheriff's Office that Witness 4, Witness 3's 14-year-old daughter, received a recording that showed sexual conduct between Victim 1 and Roberts. Witness 4 told a Sergeant from the Le Sueur County Sheriff's Office that Witness 4 received the recording on Snapchat from Victim 1 and that it showed a sexual act between Victim 1 and Roberts.

Witness 4 reported Victim 1 and Roberts had had sex on other occasions too.

Investigator Whiteis reviewed the recording and noted it showed a female lying on her back and being penetrated digitally by a male.

Victim 1 told Whiteis that Victim 1 sent the recording to Witness 4 and that Victim 1 and Roberts were the individuals in the recording. Victim 1 said the sexual act took place in the City of Mankato. Victim 1 stated that Roberts captured the recording on Roberts' phone.

Around September 18, 2026, Victim 1's father told police he believed Victim 1 was living with Roberts.

On September 23, 2026, Detective Sack from the Mankato Department of Public Safety applied for a search warrant relating to Roberts' residence, a vehicle associated with Roberts, and Roberts' electronic devices, after learning the previous day about the Le Sueur County investigation involving Roberts and

Victim 1. The warrant application was approved by a District Court Judge in the Fifth Judicial District.

When police executed the search warrant on September 24, 2026, they entered Roberts' residence and came upon a locked door. After knocking on it several times without an answer, Detective Sack was able to manually unlock it and Victim 1 was in the room. Roberts told Detective Sack that room was Roberts'.

The room also appeared to be Roberts' room, given his personal belongings, including his wallet, were in it.

Detective Lopez observed female clothing in the room including shorts, underwear, and bra-type tops. Later Victim 1 asked police to gather some of Victim 1's belongings from the room.

Detective Sack applied for a second search warrant relating to a used condom under Defendant's bed and a known DNA sample from Defendant. The application was approved by a District Court Judge in the Fifth Judicial District.

Separate warrant applications were approved for a known DNA sample from Victim 1 and Victim 1's cell phone.

Detective Sack reviewed Victim 1's phone and observed multiple "deleted" videos of a young white female performing sexual acts.

In one of the videos, the female engages in vaginal intercourse with a male. In the recording, the male picks up the recording device and pans the room. Detective Sack recognized the room as Roberts' from the execution of a search warrant earlier that day. Sack also recognized the male as Roberts from viewing the male's side profile. The recording shows Roberts inserting his fingers and his penis into the female's vagina.

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:
09/25/2026 01:55 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Christopher K Lowe
Assistant County Attorney
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PO Box 3129
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Electronically Signed:
09/25/2026 01:43 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:

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: September 25, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Bradley C Walker
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/25/2026 02:04 PM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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Anthony Lee Roberts

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: