

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113819
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2921

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

ROBERT MATTHEW CONNER DOB: 10/07/1992

No Permanent Address
Mankato, MN 56001

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: Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Throws/transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto officer

Minnesota Statute: 609.2231.1(c)(2)

Maximum Sentence: 3 years or \$6,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26022481

Charge Description: On or about July 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Robert Matthew Conner did intentionally throw or otherwise transfer bodily fluids at or onto a peace officer licensed under state law who was effecting a lawful arrest or executing any other duty imposed by law.

COUNT II

Charge: Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer

Minnesota Statute: 609.50.1(2)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 07/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26022481

Charge Description: On or about July 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Robert Matthew Conner did, intentionally, obstruct, resist, or interfere with a peace officer while the officer was engaged in the performance of official duties and the act was accompanied by force or violence or the threat thereof.

COUNT III

Charge: Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Physically Assaults

Minnesota Statute: 609.2231.1(b)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 07/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26022481

Charge Description: On or about July 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Robert Matthew Conner did physically assault a peace officer when that officer was effecting a lawful arrest or executing any other duty imposed by law.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On July 18, 2026, Officers of the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to a parking ramp in the City of Mankato in response to a report of a suspected overdose.

Sergeant Wood and Officer Christ arrived and observed Robert Matthew Conner (10/07/1992). Sergeant Wood observed Connor holding a glass bong. Connor displayed numerous indicators of impairment, including: extremely slurred speech, heavy sway while standing, staggering while walking, difficulty balancing, involuntary jerking motions, and admissions to alcohol and cannabis use.

Sergeant Wood became concerned that Connor was a danger to himself due to Connor's high level of intoxication. Connor was unable to follow simple directions, could not complete a PBT, did not know what day or month it was, and could not remember his name. As a result, Sergeant Wood informed Connor that he was a danger to himself and needed to be placed in an alternate care facility.

Sergeant Wood and Officer Christ took hold of Connor's arms. Connor then began actively resisting by pulling his arms away from officers. Sergeant Wood gave Connor multiple verbal commands to stop resisting and put his hands behind his back, but Connor did not comply. Connor began screaming and swearing. Officers were eventually able to overcome Connor's resistance and place him in handcuffs.

Connor then began making hacking noises that led officers to believe he planned to spit at them. Sergeant Wood side-stepped to avoid Connor's spit and manipulated Connor's arm so that he could not turn to spit on other officers. Connor then spit twice at Sergeant Wood.

Connor continued to resist. Connor tensed up, flexed his arms, yanked his body in the opposite direction as officers, became dead weight, and brought his knees up to his chest while being escorted to a squad car.

While Sergeant Wood went to retrieve a spit hood, Officer Christ had Connor, who continued to spit at him. To better control Connor, Officer Christ took him to the ground. Connor kicked Officer Christ while Connor was on the ground. When Connor was back in an upright seated position, he thrashed his body backwards knocking Officer Christ to the ground.

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:
07/20/2026 11:16 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:
07/20/2026 10:34 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: July 20, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 07/20/2026 11:49 AM

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.

Robert Matthew Conner

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: