

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114174
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3788

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS DEAN REED DOB: 03/02/1980

1030 Adams Street
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: Drugs - 3rd Degree - Sale - Narcotic

Minnesota Statute: 152.023.1(1), with reference to: 152.023.3(a)

Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$250,000, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/20/2026 to 09/10/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26026422

Charge Description: On or between August 20, 2026 and September 10, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Thomas Dean Reed, did, unlawfully sell one or more mixtures containing a narcotic drug.

COUNT II

Charge: Drugs - 3rd Degree - Possess 10 grams or more a narcotic drug other than heroin

Minnesota Statute: 152.023.2(a)(1), with reference to: 152.023.3(a)

Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$250,000, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/20/2026 to 09/10/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26026422

Charge Description: On or between August 20, 2026 and September 10, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Thomas Dean Reed did on one or more occasions within a 90-day period unlawfully possess one or more mixtures of a total weight of ten grams or more containing a narcotic drug other than heroin.

COUNT III

Charge: Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not

cannabis/hemp

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(a)(1), with reference to: 152.025.4(b)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/20/2026 to 09/10/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26026422

Charge Description: On or between August 20, 2026 and September 10, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Thomas Dean Reed, did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except a small amount of marijuana, and the mixture does not include any amount of a controlled substance in a fluid used in a water pipe, after having been previously convicted of a violation of Chapter 152.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 20, 2026, Agents with the Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force conducted a controlled buy of controlled substances from Thomas Dean Reed (DOB: 03-02-1980) utilizing a Confidential Informant (CI). The CI traveled to a location in the City of Mankato, met with Reed, who had arrived in a 2007 black Chevrolet Trailblazer (MN/LIC RSR178), and purchased 1 gram of a white chunky substance that field-tested positive for cocaine.

On August 31, 2026, Agents conducted a second controlled purchase with Thomas Reed, who arrived in the same Trailblazer. The CI met with Thomas Reed at a location in the City of Mankato and purchased 1.3 grams of a white chunky substance that field-tested positive for cocaine.

On September 10, 2026, Agents with the Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force, deputies of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office, and officers of the Mankato Department of Public Safety executed a search warrant at Residence 1 in the City of Mankato; Agents also had probable cause to arrest Thomas Dean Reed (DOB: 03-02-1980) for the prior recent drug sales.

Deputy Brashear stopped the black Chevrolet Trailblazer for illegal window tint. The vehicle was stopped within a Park Zone—within 2 blocks of Tourtellotte Park. Daniel Lee Waugh (DOB: 05/08/1990) was driving. Waugh was visibly nervous. A K-9 alerted to the presence of controlled substances in the vehicle. Agents located a baggie containing a white powdery substance which field tested positive for cocaine and weighed 1.2 grams in the center console of the vehicle.

At Residence 1, Agents arrived and spoke with Carol Jean Reed (DOB: 04/24/1962). Agents located a white crystalized substances in Carol Reed's room which field tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed 3.8 grams.

In the garage at Residence 1, Agents located clear sandwich bags containing a white powdery substance which field-tested positive for cocaine and weighed 6.9 grams.

In Thomas Reed's room, Agents located a baggie containing a white crystalized substance which field-tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed 2.5 grams.

In total, Agents recovered 11.7 grams of controlled substances attributable to Thomas Reed.

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:
09/11/2026 01:58 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
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Electronically Signed:
09/11/2026 01:10 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 11, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/11/2026 02:03 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.

Thomas Dean Reed

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: