State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114765
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4956

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TYLER ANTHONY CAPUTO DOB: 12/02/1992

105 Tanager Path
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 - 1st Degree - Sale - 17 Grams or More-Cocaine or Meth w/in 90-Day Period
Minnesota Statute: 152.021.1(1), with reference to: 152.021.3(b)
Maximum Sentence: 40 years and/or $1,000,000 or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26037097

Charge Description: On or about November 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Tyler Anthony Caputo did within a 90 day period, unlawfully sold one or more mixtures of a total weight of 17 grams or more containing cocaine or methamphetamine; and said Defendant was previously convicted of a controlled substance crime.

COUNT II

Charge: Drugs - 2nd Degree - Possess 25 grams or more cocaine or methamphetamine
Minnesota Statute: 152.022.2(a)(1), with reference to: 152.022.3(b)
Maximum Sentence: 40 years or $500,000, or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26037097

Charge Description: On or about November 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Tyler Anthony Caputo did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures of a total weight of 25 grams or more containing cocaine or methamphetamine and said Defendant was previously convicted of a controlled substance crime.

COUNT III

Charge: Felon Convicted Crime of Violence - Firearm Violation
Minnesota Statute: 609.165.1b(a), with reference to: 609.11.5(b)
Maximum Sentence: 15 Years or $30,000 fine or both.
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26037097

Charge Description: On or about November 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Tyler Anthony Caputo did ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm after having been convicted of a crime of violence.

COUNT IV

Charge: Felon Convicted Crime of Violence - Firearm Violation
Minnesota Statute: 609.165.1b(a), with reference to: 609.11.5(b)
Maximum Sentence: 15 Years or $30,000 fine or both.
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26037097

Charge Description: On or about November 18, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Tyler Anthony Caputo did ship, transport, possess, or receive ammunition after having been convicted of a crime of violence.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In October and November 2026, the Cannon River Drug and Violent Offender Task Force was conducting an investigation into the sale of controlled substance by Tyler Anthony Caputo (dob 12/02/1992). On November 17th, agents received a warrant to search, among other things, Caputo's residence.

Caputo was detained while at the Blue Earth County Probation office. Caputo agreed to speak with agents. Caputo admitted to selling dope. He stated he typically sells a ball at the most, sometimes a quarter. When asked if he was selling just methamphetamine or fentanyl too, Caputo stated he doesn't mess with fentanyl. Caputo advised there is a "zip" in a glass jar sitting out in his bedroom.

Agents are aware that a ball commonly refers to 3.5 grams, a quarter commonly refers to 7 grams, and a zip commonly refers to an ounce or approximately 28 grams.

Agents went to the residence to execute the warrant. Agents made contact with Witness 1 in the garage. Witness 1 said she is the main person on the lease, but sub-leases a bedroom to Nicole Marie Hansen (dob 1/6/1986) and Caputo.

Agents were aware that Hansen had an active felony-level warrant for her arrest.

Agents went into Caputo and Hansen's bedroom. Agents located Hansen hiding in the closet under some clothes. Agents observed the bed covers and blankets were disheveled. Agents found a Glock 26 9mm loaded pistol within the covers. Agents also found a glass jar within the covers. The glass jar contained suspected methamphetamine which weighed approximately 42.55 grams without the glass jar. Agents also located a 9mm magazine with 11 rounds of ammunition in a nightstand drawer, 26 9mm bullets located in a black box in the closet, multiple clear plastic zip bags in a purse, and a digital scale that field tested positive for methamphetamine in the nightstand drawer by the 9mm magazine.

Agents found various documents bearing Hansen's and Caputo's names in the bedroom.

Hansen spoke with agents. Hansen said Caputo is her boyfriend and they reside in the room together. Hansen said there might be a scale in the room but denied knowledge of any other controlled substances or firearms. Hansen admitted they use about a gram of meth a day.

Witness 1 later told agents that Caputo and Hansen would bring methamphetamine into the residence and provide her with some.

Both Caputo and Hansen are prohibited from possessing any firearms or ammunition for life based on previous convictions. Specifically, Caputo was convicted of 1st degree-controlled substance possession on June 28, 2021, in court file number 46-CR-21-541; murder in the 3rd degree on March 2, 2016, in court file number 07-CR-14-842; and 4th degree-controlled substance sale on March 2, 2016, in court file number 07-CR-14-842. Hansen has previously been convicted of felony 5th degree-controlled substance possession on three separate occasions in court files 70-CR-18-17369, 07-CR-12-3560, and 07-CR-13-216.

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:
11/20/2026 08:17 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Taylor Fast
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
11/20/2026 08:14 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: November 20, 2026.

Judicial Officer Allison L Krehbiel
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/20/2026 10:03 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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Tyler Anthony Caputo

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: