

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

0070114017
07-CR-26-3497

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

Summons

vs.

SAMUEL PAUL GIBBEL DOB: 05/23/1995

218 Rogers Street
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: Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Value Reduced Over \$1000

Minnesota Statute: 609.595.1(4)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/17/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26025998

Charge Description: On or about August 17, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Samuel Paul Gibbel did intentionally cause damage to another person's physical property without the other person's consent, and the damage reduced the value of the property by more than \$1,000.00, as measured by the cost of repair and replacement.

COUNT II

Charge: Assault-5th Deg-Inflict or Attempt Bodily Harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.224.1(2)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/17/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26025998

Charge Description: On or about August 17, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Samuel Paul Gibbel, did intentionally inflict or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another.

COUNT III

Charge: Assault-5th Deg-Inflict or Attempt Bodily Harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.224.1(2)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/17/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26025998

Charge Description: On or about August 17, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Samuel Paul Gibbel, did intentionally inflict or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another.

COUNT IV

Charge: Assault-5th Deg-Inflict or Attempt Bodily Harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.224.1(2)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/17/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26025998

Charge Description: On or about August 17, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Samuel Paul Gibbel, did intentionally inflict or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another.

COUNT V

Charge: Assault-5th Deg-Inflict or Attempt Bodily Harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.224.1(2)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/17/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26025998

Charge Description: On or about August 17, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Samuel Paul Gibbel, did intentionally inflict or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 18, 2026, Officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a group home within the City of Mankato for a report of a disturbance. The complainant, Victim 1, called and reported that she and others had been assaulted by Samuel Paul Gibbel (DOB: 05/23/1995).

Officer Herwig responded to the residence and spoke with staff and victims at the residence. Staff informed Officer Herwig that the day had started off well, but when Victim 2 went to a park with Gibbel, Gibbel kicked Victim 2 in the stomach and hit her in the face with his open hand. Staff then brought Gibbel back to the residence and Gibbel began throwing things around the residence and damaging property.

Staff attempted to calm Gibbel down and get control of the situation but Gibbel then charged at Victim 1 and punched Victim 1 in the head. Gibbel then threw a laptop mouse at Victim 1's head, which caused an injury to her head. Next, Gibbel grabbed Victim 1's laptop and threw it to the ground, breaking and destroying the laptop. Officer Herwig noted that the laptop was so damaged it was likely not repairable. The value to replace or repair the laptop and laptop mouse are between \$1,010 - \$1,510. Victim 1 told Officer Herwig that she was concerned that Gibbel may have killed her if she was alone. Officer Herwig noted numerous injuries to Victim 1's face and neck, including fresh cuts.

After attacking Victim 1, Gibbel then attacked Victim 3. Gibbel grabbed Victim 3 by the ponytail and pulled her head backwards. Staff told Officer Herwig that Gibbel then grabbed Victim 3 by her neck from behind. Victim 3 stated that it felt as if Gibbel was trying to choke her from behind. Victim 3 showed Officer Herwig the injuries she sustained from Gibbel's actions.

While Gibbel was attacking Victim 3, Victim 4 attempted to intervene and help. Gibbel then pushed Victim 4 and punched her in the face. Victim 4 and other staff believed Gibbel punched her in the face approximately 10 times. Gibbel then pinned Victim 4 against the wall and placed his hand around her neck, choking her. Officer Herwig noted he could see a large red mark across Victim 4's neck and red marks near her eyes.

Staff also informed Officer Herwig that Gibbel also damaged a door within the residence and that the value to fix or replace it would be \$100. The total value of the property damage caused by Gibbel was \$1,110 - \$1,610.

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

Matthew Huettl
Patrol Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3142

Electronically Signed:
08/24/2026 01:04 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Benjamin R. Chapman
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
08/24/2026 12:02 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: August 24, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/24/2026 01:29 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.

Samuel Paul Gibbel

Defendant

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE

*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this
Summons upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: