

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113891
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3619

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

ESSENCE SHERRELL CARTER DOB: 11/06/1996

311 Main Street Nw
Mapleton, MN 56065

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: Attempted Theft-Take/Use/Transfer Movable Prop-No Consent

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.17.1

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 07/28/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26001271

Charge Description: On or about July 28, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Essence Sherrell Carter did attempt to intentionally and without claim of right take, use, transfer, conceal or retain possession of the movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On July 28, 2026, Officer Hinderscheit of the Mapleton Police Department met with an individual, Victim 1, regarding a theft of his cell phone. Victim 1 informed Officer Hinderscheit that Essence Sherrell Carter (DOB: 11/06/1996) had taken his cell phone without his permission and refused to return the phone to him.

Victim 1 stated that he watched Carter take the phone and run out of a room with it. Carter asked for the return of his phone, but Carter refused. Carter told Victim 1 that she was not going to give his phone back. Victim 1 informed Officer Hinderscheit was an iPhone he had purchased from T-Mobile valued at a little over \$200.

Officer Hinderscheit spoke with Carter regarding the incident. Carter told Officer Hinderscheit that she threw the phone in a field. Officer Hinderscheit attempted to locate the phone in the field but could not do so. Officer Hinderscheit spent approximately 5 minutes looking for the phone.

Later on during the incident, Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office Deputy Dobie stopped out to assist. After speaking with Officer Hinderscheit, Deputy Dobie drove over to Carter's address and spoke with Carter. Deputy Dobie found that Carter was in possession of Victim 1's phone the entire time. Deputy Dobie spoke with Carter who admitted to taking and keeping or having the phone.

According to Victim 1, Carter had been attempting to take it or keep it from Victim 1 due to a dispute between Carter and Victim 1. Victim 1 told Officer Hinderscheit that Carter had told Victim 1 that Victim 1 has tires to pay for. Victim 1 indicated that Carter did not have consent to attempt to take or conceal his phone from him.

After being confronted by Deputy Dobie, Carter eventually returned the phone to law enforcement.

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

Benjamin M Honsey
Chief of Police
104 2nd Ave NE
PO Box 342
Mapleton, MN 56065
Badge: 4871

Electronically Signed:
08/31/2026 02:52 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:
08/31/2026 02:15 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 31, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/31/2026 03:47 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

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Essence Sherrell Carter

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: