

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113301
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2415

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

MICHAEL RAYMOND BAER DOB: 01/18/1981

405 2nd Avenue
Pemberton, MN 56078

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: Harassment; Restraining Order - Violate w/in 10 yrs of 1st of 2 prev dom violence convictions/adjud

Minnesota Statute: 609.748.6(d)(1), with reference to: 609.748.6(d)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/20/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26004790

Charge Description: On or about February 20, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Michael Raymond Baer did knowingly violate a harassment restraining order within ten years of the first of two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency,

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Deputy Rother was dispatched to a past-occurred harassment restraining order violation complaint in Blue Earth County. Deputy Rother responded and spoke with the Victim 1. Victim 1 reported that Baer violated an active Harassment Restraining Order.

There was an active Harassment Restraining Order in 07-CV-25-4612 involving Baer and the Victim 1. That Order was dated December 19, 2025, and in effect for a period of two (2) years, expiring on December 19, 2027. That Order specifically states that Baer “shall have no direct or indirect contact with Petitioner including any visits or phone calls to the protected person, contact via electronic means such as email or social networking sites, threats or assaultive behavior to the protected person, damaging or stealing property belonging to the protected person, breaking into and entering the protected person’s residence, and/or taking pictures of a protected person without permission of the Petitioner.”

During the course of his investigation, Deputy Rother learned that Baer had utilized a third-party, Witness 1, to have indirect phone contact with Victim 1 on February 20, 2026. Victim 1 recorded this conversation and Deputy Rother noted, after listening to the recording, that someone states “[t]ell her to go to the courthouse (inaudible).”

Deputy Rother followed-up with Witness 1 regarding the phone call from February 20, 2026. Witness 1 confirmed the phone call had occurred with Victim 1. Witness 1 also informed Deputy Rother that Baer was communicating with Victim 1 through Witness 1 via telephone on that date.

A review of Baer’s criminal history reveals that Baer has two previous qualifying domestic violence related convictions within ten (10) years prior to the offense date in this matter from 07-CR-16-794 (convicted March 3, 2016) and 07-CR-16-3034 (convicted January 30, 2017).

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

Joshua Steinbach
Detective
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2725

Electronically Signed:
06/16/2026 08:14 AM
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:
06/10/2026 11:21 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: June 16, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/16/2026 09:04 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

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Michael Raymond Baer

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: