

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114045
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3481

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JORIC MUYA NKELEND A DOB: 07/11/2005

96 Cottage 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: Assault-3rd Degree-Substantial Bodily Harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.223.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

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

Control #(ICR#): 26026458

Charge Description: On or about August 20, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joric Muya Nkelenda did assault another, and inflicted substantial bodily harm.

COUNT II

Charge: Riot-3rd Degree-Unlawful Force or Violence

Minnesota Statute: 609.71.3

Maximum Sentence: 1 year or \$1,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

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

Control #(ICR#): 26026458

Charge Description: On or about August 20, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joric Muya Nkelenda did, with at least two other persons, disturb the public peace by an intentional act or threat of unlawful force or violence to person or property.

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): 08/20/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26026458

Charge Description: On or about August 20, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joric Muya Nkelenda, did intentionally inflict or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another.

COUNT IV

Charge: Disorderly Conduct - Brawling or Fighting

Minnesota Statute: 609.72.1(1)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

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

Control #(ICR#): 26026458

Charge Description: On or about August 20, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joric Muya Nkelenda, did, in a public or private place, knowing, or having reasonable grounds to know it will, or will tend to, alarm, anger or disturb others or provoke an assault or breach of the peace, engaged in brawling or fighting.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 20, 2020, Officers of the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to an assault call at an apartment complex pool in the City of Mankato. Officers observed blood on the pool deck and witnesses described a “full brawl” and a “really big fight” at the hot tubs. Witnesses reported approximately 5 people involved in the fighting.

Officer Wagner reviewed video footage of the fight. In one clip, Victim 1 is held back by 2-3 people. Joric Muya Nkelenda (DOB: 7/11/2005) approached Victim 1 and began punching him in the face while he is unable to defend himself.

In another clip, Victim 1 and Nkelenda are squared up preparing to fight. Victim 1 swung at Nkelenda and they both exchanged punches at each other’s heads repeatedly. Nkelenda then wrapped his arms around Victim 1, dragged him to the ground, causing Victim 1’s head to bounce off a chair as they landed on the ground. Nkelenda then held on to Victim 1 with one arm and repeatedly punched Victim 1 in the head as Victim 1’s head repeatedly bounced off the metal and concrete base of a light pole. Once Nkelenda is separated from Victim 1, video footage showed Victim 1 appear to lose consciousness; his body went limp, and his eyes are nearly closed and glossy. Victim 1 reportedly suffered “significant head injuries.” The extent of those injuries is unknown at this time.

Officer Hermanson located and arrested Nkelenda, who stated “I’m not going to lie, I took it out of proportion, but he punched me twice out of nowhere, I had to defend myself.” The video footage shows Nkelenda had multiple clear opportunities to retreat from the fight.

Victim 1 was charged with various offenses in a separate complaint.

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 10:04 AM
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
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
08/24/2026 09:31 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: August 24, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/24/2026 10:11 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

vs.

Joric Muya Nkelenda

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: