

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113271
Court File No. 07-CR-26-1734

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOEL DOUGLAS DEMERS DOB: 05/01/1988

19994 623rd Avenue
Janesville, MN 56048

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(1)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 04/19/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26008120

Charge Description: On or about April 19, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joel Douglas Demers,did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death.

COUNT II

Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(2)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 04/19/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26008120

Charge Description: On or about April 19, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joel Douglas Demers,did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflict or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On April 19, 2026, Blue Earth County Sheriff Deputies Brashear and Deputy Grassmann were dispatched to a rural residence on the outskirts of Janesville to a report of a domestic assault.

Deputy Brashear made contact at the residence with the Victim. The Victim was actively packing up her belongs and moving them out of the residence. She stated that she and Joel Douglas Demers, DOB: 05/01/1988 had been in a relationship for the past 10 years and have one child in common.

The Victim stated that prior to the 911 call, the following had happened: Demers got mad at a comment the Victim's mother's husband said while on the phone with them. Demers then went to a room in the house and Victim said she tried talking to him that he was making it a bigger deal than it needed to be. Demers continued to get angry and punched Victim in her right arm. Demers then kicked Victim in her right arm. The Victim said both strikes to her body hurt. The Victim said she then went to the living room and Demers grabbed a toy and threw it hard enough that it put a hole in the wall and a piece then flew and cracked the T.V. screen. Victim said that Demers will keep escalating things if she doesn't give him what he wants. He wanted to go to downtown Mankato to drink so to keep things from getting worse she gave him a ride there and last dropped him off near a downtown bar.

As Deputy Brashear was talking to the Victim, Deputy Grassmann arrived on scene and the Victim became fearful, as she thought that it might be Demers returning to the residence. Then shortly after a vehicle turned off the highway and on to their dirt road and the Victim in a panicked tone asked if she could go inside as she did not know the vehicle and thought Demers was returning to the property. The Victim was actively packing things in the house and was moving out. The Victim was visibly shaken and fearful of Demers returning to the home.

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

Mitchell Gahler
Deputy Sheriff
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2731

Electronically Signed:
04/30/2026 01:47 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Deja L. Weber
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
04/30/2026 12:01 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.

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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: April 30, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Susan DeVos

Electronically Signed: 04/30/2026 02:04 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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Joel Douglas Demers

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: