

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070110608
Court File No. 07-CR-25-1579

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MIGUEL ANGEL HERNANDEZ BAUTISTA DOB: 08/22/1995

6807 10th Street Se
Rochester, MN 55904

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

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(1), with reference to: 609.52.3(3)(a)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/18/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25010915

Charge Description: On or about April 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Miguel Angel Hernandez Bautista, did, 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 and the value of the property or services stolen exceeded \$1,000.00.

COUNT II

Charge: Possession of Burglary or Theft Tools

Minnesota Statute: 609.59, with reference to: 609.59

Maximum Sentence: 3 years or \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/18/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25010915

Charge Description: On or about April 18, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Miguel Angel Hernandez Bautista did have in his/her possession any device, explosive, or other instrumentality with intent to use or permit the use of the same to commit burglary or theft.

COUNT III

Charge: Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp

Minnesota Statute: 152.025.2(1), with reference to: 152.025.4(a)

Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 04/18/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25010915

Charge Description: On or about April 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Miguel Angel Hernandez Bautista did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, except heroin or except cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products or a residual amount of one or more mixtures of controlled substances contained in drug paraphernalia, and the weight of the substance is less than .25 grams or one dosage unit or less and the person has not been previously convicted of a violation of Chapter 152.

COUNT IV

Charge: Traffic-Drivers License-Driving After Revocation

Minnesota Statute: 171.24.2, with reference to: 171.24.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 04/18/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25010915

Charge Description: On or about April 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Miguel Angel Hernandez Bautista did after being given notice, or reasonably should have known of the revocation, disobeyed the order by operating in this state any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, while her/his license or privilege was revoked.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On April 18, 2025, at 7:27 p.m., officers of the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to Mankato Business 1 to investigate a report of a male cutting security tags off merchandize and committing theft.

Investigation revealed that Miguel Angel Hernandez Bautista (DOB 08/22/1995) was observed by store security cutting security tags off merchandize and then going directly to Customer Service to "return" the merchandize and receive money for the "returned" items. Hernandez Bautista used a red Milwaukee brand knife to cut off the security tags.

Hernandez Bautista was observed exiting the store with a cart containing stolen merchandise and was confronted by store employees in the parking lot. Hernandez Baulista fled on foot and got into a 2017 Ford Rapture with Minnesota License plates numbered ZHJ894. The Ford was observed eastbound on US Highway 14. Responding officers, deputies and troopers learned that Hernandez Bautista's driver's license status was revoked. Hernandez Bautista is the registered owner of Ford Raptor and had an address in Rochester, Minnesota.

Blue Earth Deputy Sheriff Matthew Bergmann stopped the vehicle on US Highway 14 east of Eagle Lake in Blue Earth County. Officers identified Hernandez Bautista as the driver and sole occupant of the Ford and he was taken into custody.

Officer Neudecker continued the investigation at Mankato Business 1 speaking with a loss prevention officer who watched CCTV as Hernandez Bautista committed theft. Hernandez Bautista can be viewed entering the business with a Business 1 shopping bag in his hands. Hernandez Bautista is shown going directly to the power tools department and selects the following items and removes their security tags with a red knife before being put in the shopping bag he brought into Business 1: Dewalt batter twin pack (\$369.00), Milwaukee Framing Nailer (\$399.99), Milwaukee Hackzall Saw (\$169.00), and a two-pack of Milwaukee batteries (\$279.00).

Hernandez Bautista then went to the Service Counter and placed a stack of receipts on the counter along with the Milwaukee Framing Nailer he had just stolen. Hernandez Bautista received \$432.49 in cash (\$399.99 + tax). Hernandez Bautista's wallet contained over \$500 in cash.

Hernandez Bautista was the sole occupant in the Ford. A search of the Ford revealed stolen merchandise from Business 1 and a gem baggie. The baggie contained 0.85 grams of a substance that field tested positive for the presence methamphetamine. The officers also located a red Milwaukee brand knife which appeared to be the one used to remove the security tags at Business 1. A Business 1 shopping bag was located in the Ford Raptor containing brand new tools from Business 1.

Also located was receipt for a Milwaukee Framing Nailer in the amount of \$399.99 purchased at the Rochester branch of Business 1. The Rochester receipt was used for the exchange for cash in Mankato.

The matter continues to be investigated as other Business 1 related shops in Minnesota have suffered similar thefts and a number of items from Business 1 related shops were located in the bed of the Ford Truck.

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

Chris Baukol
Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3150

Electronically Signed:
04/21/2025 09:46 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Todd Kosovich
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
04/21/2025 09:35 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: April 21, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 04/21/2025 10:26 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

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Miguel Angel Hernandez Bautista

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: