

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113541
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2310

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RENE ORLANDO LIVAS JR DOB: 10/02/1985

611 Dale Drive
Slidell, LA 70458

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

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

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/07/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26017671

Charge Description: On or about June 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Rene Orlando Livas Jr, did unlawfully possess one or more mixtures containing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, or IV, 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 mixture does not include any amount of a controlled substance in a fluid used in a water pipe and said controlled substance was more than .25 grams or 1 dosage unit

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Refuse to submit to chemical test; Breath or test refusal or failure

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.2(1), with reference to: 169A.26.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/07/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26017671

Charge Description: On or about June 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Rene Orlando Livas Jr, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle and the Defendant refused to submit to a chemical test of the person's breath upon the request of a peace officer who had probable

cause to believe the person to be tested was under the influence.

COUNT III

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.27.2

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/07/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26017671

Charge Description: On or about June 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Rene Orlando Livas Jr, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol.

COUNT IV

Charge: Traffic - Careless Driving - Operate any vehicle carelessly on street or highway

Minnesota Statute: 169.13.2(a)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/07/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26017671

Charge Description: On or about June 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Rene Orlando Livas Jr, did operate or halt any vehicle upon any street or highway carelessly or heedlessly in disregard of the rights of others, or in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger any property or any person, including the driver or passengers of the vehicle.

COUNT V

Charge: Traffic - Speeding - Exceed Limit

Minnesota Statute: 169.14.2(a), with reference to: 169.14.2(d)

Maximum Sentence: Not more than \$300 fine

Offense Level: Petty Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/07/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26017671

Charge Description: On or about June 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Rene Orlando Livas Jr did operate a motor vehicle in excess of the posted speed limit, to wit: 74 MPH in a 30 MPH zone.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On June 7, 2026, Sergeant Price was on patrol when he heard a loud engine that sounded like a high-performance sports car. He then observed a red Chevrolet Corvette (Louisiana Lic. Plate: 796JWA) approach his position. He activated his radar and obtained a speed reading of 76 MPH in a 30 MPH zone.

Sergeant Price stopped the vehicle. Sergeant Price identified the driver as Rene Orlando Livas (DOB: 10/02/1985). Livas indicated he was coming from a bar. Sergeant Price noted that Livas slurred his words and his eyes were watery. Livas admitted he had a "few drinks."

Officer Gelle observed that Livas had red/bloodshot and watery eyes along with slurred speech and an odor of a consumed alcoholic beverage emitting from his person and breath. Livas agreed to perform SFSTs. During the HGN test, Officer Gelle observed all six clues. During the walk-and-turn test, Officer Gelle observed that Livas started too soon, took the incorrect number of steps, made an improper turn, stopped walking and didn't touch heel to toe. Livas declined the one-legged stand and the PBT.

Officer Gelle transported Livas to the Blue Earth County Jail.

During a search of Livas, Officer Casillas located a white powdery substance that tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed .38 grams.

Officer Gelle read Livas the Breath Test Advisory and explained the test. During the first attempt, Livas continually interrupted Officer Gelle. Livas stopped and started blowing into the instrument multiple times and did not give a sufficient sample.

During the second attempt, he also continually started and stopped his breath and did not expel air. After two unsuccessful attempts and Livas arguing throughout the testing, Officer Gelle deemed it a refusal.

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

Jeff Knutson
Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3148

Electronically Signed:
06/08/2026 02:41 PM
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:
06/08/2026 02:29 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: June 8, 2026.

Judicial Officer Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/08/2026 02:58 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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Rene Orlando Livas Jr

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: