

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114152
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3727

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN MARTIN WEST DOB: 04/29/1975

No Permanent Address
Mankato, MN 56001-3846

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 - 3rd Degree - Possess - Methamphet/Amphetamine in School/Park/Pub Housing Zone

Minnesota Statute: 152.023.2(a)(6), with reference to: 152.023.3(a)

Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$250,000, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/07/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26028782

Charge Description: On or about September 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, John Martin West did unlawfully possesses one or more mixtures containing methamphetamine or amphetamine in a school zone, a park zone, a public housing zone, or a drug treatment facility.

COUNT II

Charge: Trespass-Occupy/Enter Dwelling/Locked/Posted Build

Minnesota Statute: 609.605.1(b)(4)

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

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/07/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26028782

Charge Description: On or about September 7, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, John Martin West did occupy or enter the dwelling or locked or posted building of another, without claim of right or consent of the owner or the consent of one who has the right to give consent, except in an emergency situation.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On September 7, 2026, officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a potential burglary at Business 1 within the City of Mankato. The complainant, Witness 1, called and notified that an individual, later identified as John Martin West (DOB: 04/29/1975), had broken into Business 1.

Officer Vogel arrived on scene and spoke with Witness 1, Witness 2, and Witness 3. Witness 2 stated that she was the last worker in Business 1 and that nothing appeared to have been taken from the break-in. Witness 3 stated that, after he arrived, he observed West to be on the outside of the north side of Business 1. Witness 3 stated that West was making incoherent statements so police were contact. Witness 1 noted that the locked door of the side building was ajar, the door frame was broken, and there was a footprint on the door.

Officer McClinton and Officer Schulte also responded to the scene and located West. Officer McClinton spoke with West and asked West to put down the items in his hands. West refused to put down the items in his hands and West was placed under arrest. Officer Schulte searched West and located a methamphetamine pipe in his shirt pocket. The pipe had residual controlled substance markings on the tube part of the pipe. The substances later NIK tested positive for methamphetamine.

Officer McClinton spoke with West. West admitted to entering the side red barn building and that he had no lawful reason or permission to be in the side building.

Officer McClinton noted that the area where West was located with the methamphetamine was a park zone as defined by the Mankato City Drug Enforcement Code and Minn. Stat. § 152.01, Subd. 12a.

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

Adam Gray
Operations Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3117

Electronically Signed:
09/08/2026 01:13 PM
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:
09/08/2026 11:41 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: September 8, 2026.

Judicial Officer Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/08/2026 01:52 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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John Martin West

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: