

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113688
Court File No. 07-CR-26-2681

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Summons

vs.

DAMIAN JAMES CHAPA DOB: 04/28/2000

102 N Oak Street
Vernon Center, MN 56090

Defendant.

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: Emergency Telephone Calls/Communications - Interrupt, Interfere, Impede, Disrupt 911 Call

Minnesota Statute: 609.78.2(1)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 06/22/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013226

Charge Description: On or about June 22, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Damian James Chapa did intentionally interrupt, disrupt, impede, or interfere with an emergency call or intentionally prevent or hinder another from placing an emergency call.

COUNT II

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): 06/22/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26013226

Charge Description: On or about June 22, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Damian James Chapa, 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.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On June 22nd, 2026, Deputy Hagen of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to Vernon Center regarding a domestic disturbance. Witness 1 had called 911 indicated that a woman, Victim 1, had been in tears asking Witness 1 to call 911. Deputy Hagen was informed that Victim 1 had indicated that her baby's father, Damian James Chapa (DOB: 04/28/2000), had kicked in the door to the residence.

Deputy Hagen arrived on scene and spoke with Victim 1 who explained that Chapa and Victim 1 had been in an argument. During that argument Victim 1 texted Witness 2 that Victim 1 may need to come over to Witness 2's residence. Chapa then took Victim 1's phone from her. Victim 1 stated that Chapa then left the residence, so Victim 1 put their Ring camera outside and locked the doors of the residence. Chapa then came back to the residence and broke in the door and Victim 1 fled the residence in fear of Chapa. Victim 1 went to Witness 1 to call 911.

After speaking with Victim 1, Deputy Hagen began searching the area for Chapa. While searching for Chapa, dispatch reported they received a 911 call from Witness 2. Witness 2 stated that she was on the phone with Victim 1 when Chapa returned to Victim 1's residence and that Victim 1 was terrified.

Deputy Hagen went back and spoke with Victim 1 who indicated that Chapa had returned after deputies left the residence. Chapa ran into the house and took the other phone Victim 1 had in the house while the phone was in her hand and she was dialing 911 for help. Dispatch reported that they had a 911 hang-up at that time. Victim 1 reported that Chapa was chasing Victim 1 and grabbing her. Deputy Hagen noted pink marks on Victim 1's chest and shoulder areas. Victim 1 told Deputy Hagen that she was able to dial 911 but Chapa took the phone away from her, grabbed one of their minor children, and ran away.

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

Paul Barta
Captain
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2721

Electronically Signed:
07/06/2026 09:21 AM
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:
07/06/2026 09:00 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.

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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: July 6, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Susan DeVos

Electronically Signed: 07/06/2026 10:18 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.

Damian James Chapa

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: