State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114429
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4373

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTINE LAUREL THOMPSON DOB: 08/08/1973

522 County Rd 9
Lake Crystal, MN 56055

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Warrant

[X] Amended

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: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol
Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(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): 10/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26021315

Charge Description: On or about October 14, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Christine Laurel Thompson, did drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle when he/she was under the influence of alcohol, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed.

COUNT II

Charge: Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours
Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(5), 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): 10/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26021315

Charge Description: On or about October 14, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Christine Laurel Thompson, did, drive, operate, or was in physical control of any motor vehicle, when his/her alcohol concentration at the time, or as measured within two hours of the time, of driving, operating or being in physical control of the motor vehicle was 0.08 or more, and one aggravating factor was present when the violation was committed.

COUNT III

Charge: Traffic - Drivers License - Driving After Revocation
Minnesota Statute: 171.24.2(a)
Maximum Sentence: 90 days or $1,000 fine, or both.
Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26021315

Charge Description: On or about October 14, 2026 at 12:54 PM, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Christine Laurel Thompson did after being given notice, or when she reasonably should have known of the revocation, disobey the order by operating in this state any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, while her license or privilege was revoked.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Around 12:54 p.m. on October 14, 2026, Deputy Kowalski from the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office responded to a location in Blue Earth County following a report that a vehicle was partially blocking the roadway and the driver was asleep or passed out.

Police knocked on the vehicle's windows and yelled into the vehicle to try to wake up the driver, who was identified as Christine Laurel Thompson (DOB: 08/08/1973). Thompson told Chief Prescher from the Lake Crystal Police Department that Thompson was on her way home. Deputy Kowalski noted Thompson was in the driver's seat with her seat belt buckled at the time of contact.

When Kowalski asked to see Thompson's identification, it took Thompson a long time to get it though Kowalski could see it was in a card holder attached to Thompson's phone where Thompson was looking for it.

Kowalski could smell the strong odor of a consumed alcoholic beverage emanating from Thompson's person. Kowalski observed that Thompson's speech was delayed and slurred and her eyes were bloodshot and watery. Thompson admitted to having consumed alcohol about an hour ago and said she was probably drunk. She agreed to perform Standardized Field Sobriety Testing.

During the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test, Thompson exhibited six clues of impairment. Thompson said she would not be able to do the Walk and Turn Test. She agreed to provide a preliminary breath sample, and it returned a result of .274 AC.

Thompson was arrested and transported to the Blue Earth County Jail where Kowalski read Thompson the Minnesota Breath Test Advisory. Thompson provided a breath sample at 2:36 p.m. that returned a result of .26 AC.

Kowalski learned that Thompson's driver's license was revoked. Thompson has been convicted several times for Driving After Revocation, as recently as March 4, 2026.

Thompson was cited twice in August 2026 for Driving After Revocation.

Thompson is at a detoxification center, and the State requests a Warrant.

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	Joe Flavin Deputy Sheriff 401 Carver Rd Mankato, MN 56002-0228 Badge: 2729	Electronically Signed: 10/16/2026 02:15 PM Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney	Christopher K Lowe Assistant County Attorney 401 Carver Road PO Box 3129 Mankato, MN 56002 (507) 304-4600	Electronically Signed: 10/16/2026 01:42 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.

☒ ***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: October 19, 2026.

Judicial Officer Susan DeVos Electronically Signed: 10/19/2026 08:09 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

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Christine Laurel Thompson

Defendant

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Warrant upon the Defendant herein named.

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: