

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070113965
Court File No. 07-CR-26-3900

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SARAH ROSE DOHERTY DOB: 06/01/1994

229 Wickfield Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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: Attempted Arson-1st Degree-Dwelling

Minnesota Statute: 609.561.1, with reference to: 609.17.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/03/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26024373

Charge Description: On or about August 3, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Sarah Rose Doherty did attempt to unlawfully by means of fire or explosives, intentionally destroy or damage any building that was used as a dwelling at the time the act was committed, whether the inhabitant was present therein at the time of the act or not, or any building appurtenant to or connected with a dwelling whether the property of the actor or of another.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 3, 2026, officers of the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a group home in Mankato, Minnesota, Blue Earth County. The 911 caller stated that a client was being very aggressive and trying to hurt staff and another client. The 911 caller also stated that a client was trying to start the residence on fire.

Officers arrived and identified the suspect as Sarah Rose Doherty (dob 6/1/1994). Officers learned that Doherty had intentionally started three different oven mitts on fire using the gas stove. Specifically, Doherty became upset and started grabbing kitchen pads and went over to the gas stove and began lighting them on fire. Doherty was also throwing chairs around the residence.

At one point, a staff member had run out the back door, jumped off the balcony, and hopped over the fence to get away from Doherty and the residence.

Officer spoke with Doherty. Doherty admitted that she lit things on fire with the intent of starting the house on fire. Doherty stated she knew individuals were inside the house and was hoping to burn down the house with everyone inside. Doherty stated that she was hearing voices and experiencing suicidal and homicidal ideations.

Law enforcement decided to transport Doherty to the hospital rather than jail.

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:
09/16/2026 04:42 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
09/16/2026 03:10 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: September 17, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Susan DeVos

Electronically Signed: 09/17/2026 08:22 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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Sarah Rose Doherty

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: