

State of Minnesota
County of SteeleDistrict Court
3rd Judicial DistrictProsecutor File No.
Court File No.0740047273
74-CR-25-2045

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

Summons

vs.

DAVID RAMIREZ DOB: 08/23/1999129 Lewis Dr
Owatonna, MN 55060

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: Criminal Vehicular Homicide - Alcohol Concentration .08 or More w/in 2 Hours of Driving**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2112.1(a)(4), with reference to: 609.2112.1(a)

Maximum Sentence: 10 years or \$20,000 or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/04/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25001259

Charge Description: On or about November 4, 2025, in the County of Steele, Minnesota, David Ramirez did cause the death of a human being not constituting murder or manslaughter as a result of operating a motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more, as measured within two hours of the time of driving.

COUNT II**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): 11/04/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25001259

Charge Description: On or about November 4, 2025, in the County of Steele, Minnesota, David Ramirez did drive, operate or be in physical control of a motor vehicle when under the influence of alcohol.

COUNT III**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): 11/04/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25001259

Charge Description: On or about November 4, 2025, in the County of Steele, Minnesota, David Ramirez did drive, operate or be in physical control of a motor vehicle when having an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more at the time, or as measured within two hours of the time, of driving, operating or being in physical control of the motor vehicle.



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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Your Complainant is a Deputy with the Steele County Sheriff's Office. Investigation has revealed that on November 4th, 2025, at approximately 9:40 PM, Deputies responded to the report of a personal injury accident at 37th Avenue Southwest and 93rd Street Southwest, County of Steele, MN. Prior to arrival, Deputies were made aware that it was potentially a head-on collision, and one driver was unconscious with no pulse. The crash was called in by parties who heard the collision occur from down the road.

Upon arrival, Deputy Trupe observed a black pickup truck stopped on the roadway diagonally facing Northwest. Deputy Trupe then observed a red SUV in the West ditch facing Northbound. Deputy Trupe observed airbag deployment and heavy front-end damage to both vehicles.

Deputy Wise approached the driver's side of the vehicle in the ditch and observed a conscious and somewhat alert passenger in the passenger seat, and an unconscious female in the driver's seat. It would later be found that the male in the passenger seat, ID'd by MN DL was David Ramirez (DOB: 08-23-1999), was the driver of the pickup truck. Deputy Wiste detected an overwhelming odor of alcohol emitting from Ramirez. Ramirez appeared to be conscious and somewhat alert, he was concerned and asked Deputy Trupe about his dog.

Ellendale Fire personnel provided medical care to Ramirez. While speaking with an Ellendale Firefighter, Ramirez stated that he was the only occupant and driver of the pickup truck, and that he had had two beers today. Ramirez was transported by Mayo Ambulance, and was later flown out to Rochester.

Deputy Trupe observed the driver, who was identified as Christine Ilene Possin, age 71. Possin was declared deceased on the scene due to her injuries.

Deputy Trupe looked inside Ramirez's truck and observed a case on "Natural Ice" beer on the floor behind the driver seat. Deputy Trupe also observed an open can of Natural Ice in the passenger side door. A handgun was found next to the driver seat in Ramirez's vehicle. Deputy Rector removed the handgun from the vehicle and had dispatch run the serial number. The handgun was a Colt 45 Auto.

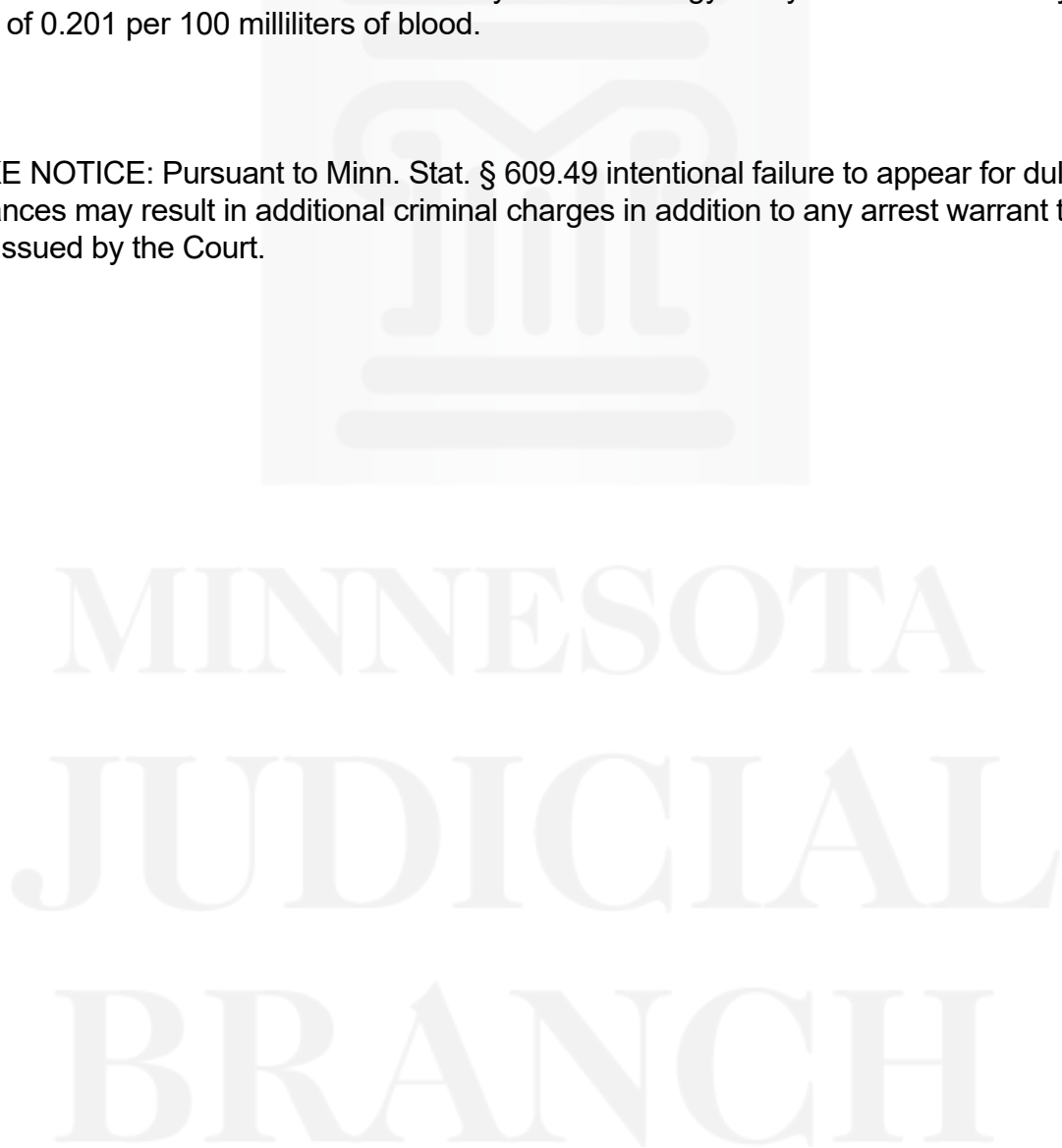
Deputy Wiste spoke with a few witnesses, R.S., E.S., and D.H.. E.S. was the original caller of the incident, who stated he was outside his house just North of the crash site when he heard a loud crash. E.S. came and observed the crash, then called 911. R.S. told Deputy Wiste that she saw Ramirez stumbling from the pickup truck to the SUV and appeared to attempt to give aid. It should be noted that nobody else was in either vehicle except for the two drivers. Due to the Skid marks and the final positions of both vehicles, it appeared the SUV was driving South on 37th Avenue and the pickup truck was driving North.

Troopers responded to the crash scene and painted it for reconstruction.

Deputy Wiste applied for a search warrant for Ramirez's blood, which was granted. The search warrant was executed by Trooper Harstad , who witnessed the blood draw, and Officer Hulshizer, a phlebotomist for the Rochester Police Department, drew the blood.

On November 21, 2025 the results of the blood draw from Ramirez was received back from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Forensic Science laboratory. The toxicology analysis revealed an ethyl alcohol concentration of 0.201 per 100 milliliters of blood.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 609.49 intentional failure to appear for duly scheduled court appearances may result in additional criminal charges in addition to any arrest warrant that may otherwise be issued by the Court.



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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

Kari Woltman
Investigator
2500 SW Alexander Street
Owatonna, MN 55060
Badge: 7423

Electronically Signed:
11/21/2025 02:25 PM
Steele County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Robert J Jarrett
County Attorney
303 S Cedar
Owatonna, MN 55060
(507) 444-7780

Electronically Signed:
11/21/2025 02:20 PM

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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: November 21, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Karen R Duncan
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/21/2025 02:32 PM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

**COUNTY OF STEELE
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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Plaintiff

vs.

David Ramirez

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:

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DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
11/21/2025

Name: David Ramirez
DOB: 08/23/1999
Address: 129 Lewis Dr
Owatonna, MN 55060

Alias Names/DOB:

SID:

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender:

Race:

Fingerprints Required per Statute:

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:

Driver's License #:

Alcohol Concentration:

170lbs.

Brown

MALE

Unknown

Yes

No

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STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

Cnt Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Nbrs and Descriptions	Offense Level	MOC	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Case Numbers
1	Charge	11/4/2025	609.2112.1(a)(4) Criminal Vehicular Homicide - Alcohol Concentration .08 or More w/in 2 Hours of Driving	Felony	J1911		MN0740000	25001259
	Penalty	11/4/2025	609.2112.1(a) Criminal Vehicular Homicide - Penalty	Felony	J1911		MN0740000	25001259
2	Charge	11/4/2025	169A.20.1(1) Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol	Gross Misdemeanor	JF501		MN0740000	25001259
	Penalty	11/4/2025	169A.26.2 Traffic - DWI - Third-Degree Driving While Impaired; Criminal Penalty	Gross Misdemeanor	JF501		MN0740000	25001259
3	Charge	11/4/2025	169A.20.1(5) Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours	Gross Misdemeanor	JFX01		MN0740000	25001259
	Penalty	11/4/2025	169A.26.2 Traffic - DWI - Third-Degree Driving While Impaired; Criminal Penalty	Gross Misdemeanor	JFX01		MN0740000	25001259

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