

State of Minnesota
County of Dakota

District Court
1st Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

CA-2026-01794
19HA-CR-26-1209

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTOPHER BOONE CRIMMINS **DOB: 05/13/1992**

310 2nd Ave. NE
Brainerd, MN 56401

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: Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree (Culpable Negligence Creating Unreasonable Risk)

Minnesota Statute: 609.205(1)

Maximum Sentence: 0-10 Years and/or \$6,000.00 - \$20,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/20/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26005228

Charge Description: On or about August 20, 2026, in the County of Dakota, Minnesota, CHRISTOPHER BOONE CRIMMINS, did cause the death of another by the person's culpable negligence whereby the person creates an unreasonable risk, and consciously takes chances of causing death or great bodily harm to another.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 20, 2026, Apple Valley police officers were called to an Apple Valley, Dakota County address on a report of an incident involving an injured victim and a hydraulic grapple on the back of a truck involved in trimming trees in the area. Upon arrival, officers were able to observe Tyler Anthony Lynch, DOB 7-18-2000 (Victim herein) on the ground with a significant amount of blood around him and significant trauma to his head. The Victim was declared deceased at the scene.

Officers spoke with Christopher Boone Crimmins, DOB 5/13/1992 (Defendant herein) at the scene and asked him what happened. The Defendant is employed by the tree trimming service, as was the Victim, and they had arrived in Apple Valley a few hours earlier from a job in Plymouth. The Defendant advised he is the only one on the crew with a commercial driver's license, so he drives and operates the boom. He was unaware of any mechanical issues with the truck or the boom.

Defendant advised he was on top of the boom, operating it from his seat and the Victim was on the ground, cleaning up branches. He and the Victim were "f**king around" and saw that the sunlight was casting shadows of both the grapple and of the Victim on the street. The Defendant maneuvered the grapple while looking at the shadows, to make it appear as though the shadow of the hydraulic grapple was grabbing the shadow of the Victim. In doing so, the Defendant was not looking at the Victim nor the grapple, and did not see that the grapple was moving towards the Victim's head. He then closed the grapple and the Victim's head was crushed. A witness saw the grapple come over towards the Victim and either hit or pinch the Victim's head, causing significant injury and trauma to his head. Officers observed blood on the grapple that was directly above the Victim.

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

David Fry
Sergeant
7100 147th St W
Apple Valley, MN 55124
Badge: 4909

Electronically Signed:
08/21/2026 11:57 AM
Dakota County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Cheri Townsend
1560 Hwy 55
Hastings, MN 55033-2392
(651) 438-4438

Electronically Signed:
08/21/2026 11:56 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: August 21, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Adam Edward Johnson

Electronically Signed: 08/21/2026 12:01 PM

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

COUNTY OF DAKOTA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Christopher Boone Crimmins

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: