

State of Minnesota
County of HennepinDistrict Court
4th Judicial DistrictProsecutor File No.
Court File No.CCS0022251
27-CR-26-24699

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SIANEH KPANAKU DOB: 11/19/19956221 Shingle Creek Pkwy
#A210
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

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: Traffic - Second Degree DWI - Refuse to submit to chemical test; Blood/urine with warrant**

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.2(2), with reference to: 169A.25.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26003537

Charge Description: On or about September 18, 2026, in the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, Sianeh Kpanaku refused to submit to a chemical test of the person's blood or urine as required by a search warrant under Minn. Stat. 626.04 to 626.18 and Minn. Stat. 171.177, with one or more aggravating factors present.

COUNT II**Charge: Traffic - Second Degree DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol**

Minnesota Statute: 169A.20.1(1), with reference to: 169A.25.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26003537

Charge Description: On or about September 18, 2026, in the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, Sianeh Kpanaku drove, operated or was in physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, with two aggravating factors present.

COUNT III

Charge: Traffic - Drivers License - Driving After Revocation; Participates ignition interlock

Minnesota Statute: 171.24.2(b)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26003537

Charge Description: On or about September 18, 2026, in the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, Sianeh Kpanaku operated a motor vehicle requiring a driver's license while revoked and without participating in the ignition interlock device program.

COUNT IV**Charge: Traffic Regulation - Driver Must Carry Proof of Insurance when Operating Vehicle**

Minnesota Statute: 169.791.2(a)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine, or both.

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/18/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26003537

Charge Description: On or about September 18, 2026, in the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, Sianeh Kpanaku, as the vehicle owner, failed to provide valid proof of insurance or, as the driver, failed to provide proof of insurance or the name and address of the actual vehicle owner, prior to the first court appearance, in violation of Minnesota law.

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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Your complainant is employed by the Brooklyn Center Police Department. In that capacity, complainant has reviewed official reports and has learned substantially the following:

On 9/18/2026 at approximately 11:31 p.m., officers were dispatched to the report of a personal injury and property damage accident in the area of 58th Avenue North and Brooklyn Boulevard in the City of Brooklyn Center, County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota. Upon arrival, Officer Wagner made contact with one of the drivers involved in the crash, later identified as Sianeh Kpanaku, DOB 11/19/1995, the defendant herein. In speaking with the defendant, Officer Wagner noted that the defendant had difficulty following instructions, had an odor of alcohol, and had watery eyes. The defendant admitted that she had tried to make a yellow light, did not make it through in time, and struck the other vehicle. The defendant was unable to provide valid proof of insurance for the vehicle. The defendant agreed to perform field sobriety tests including the modified Romberg test, the lack of convergence test, the horizontal gaze nystagmus test, the walk and turn test, and the one leg stand test. In the opinion of Officer Wagner, the defendant performed poorly on the field sobriety tests and displayed multiple clues of impairment. The defendant refused to submit to a PBT. The defendant was placed under arrest and transported to North Memorial Hospital. Officers obtained a search warrant for a blood or urine test from the Honorable Judge Tamara Garcia. The defendant was advised that test refusal is a crime. The defendant refused to submit to a blood test or a urine test. A record check confirmed that the defendant has two prior DWI convictions from 3/3/2025 in Hennepin County court file 27-CR-24-29534 and from 3/3/2025 in Hennepin County court file 27-CR-24-26844. The record check also confirmed that the defendant's driving privileges were revoked, had not been reinstated to the date of the offense, and that the defendant is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle unless she participates in the ignition interlock device program.

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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

Richard Gabler
Commander
6645 Humboldt Avenue N
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
Badge: 12

Electronically Signed:
09/21/2026 12:36 PM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Joseph Murphy
6160 Summit Drive
Suite 345
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
(763) 561-2800

Electronically Signed:
09/21/2026 11:38 AM

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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: \$12,000.00

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 21, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Carolina A Lamas
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/21/2026 01:52 PM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Sianeh Kpanaku

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:

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DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
9/21/2026

Name: Sianeh Kpanaku
DOB: 11/19/1995
Address: 6221 Shingle Creek Pkwy
#A210
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN24F99851

Height:

Weight: 0lbs.

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender:

Race:

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Driver's License #: S449113654517 (MN)

License Plate #: PSG658 (MN)

Vehicle Info: 2013 BMW X3

Alcohol Concentration: Refused Test

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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	9/18/2026	169A.20.2(2) Traffic - DWI - Refuse to submit to chemical test; Blood or urine as required by search warrant	Gross Misdemeanor	JER01		MN0270200	26003537
	Penalty	9/18/2026	169A.25.2 Traffic - DWI - Second-Degree Driving While Impaired; Criminal Penalty	Gross Misdemeanor	JER01		MN0270200	26003537
2	Charge	9/18/2026	169A.20.1(1) Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol	Gross Misdemeanor	JE501		MN0270200	26003537
	Penalty	9/18/2026	169A.25.2 Traffic - DWI - Second-Degree Driving While Impaired; Criminal Penalty	Gross Misdemeanor	JE501		MN0270200	26003537
3	Charge	9/18/2026	171.24.2(b) Traffic - Drivers License - Driving After Revocation; Participates ignition interlock	Gross Misdemeanor	J3901		MN0270200	26003537
4	Charge	9/18/2026	169.791.2(a) Traffic Regulation - Driver Must Carry Proof of Insurance when Operating Vehicle	Misdemeanor	J3901		MN0270200	26003537