

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**IN COURT OF APPEALS**  
**A24-1348**



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Paul Devereaux,

Appellant,

vs.

Medtronic USA Inc.,

Respondent.

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**ORDER OPINION**

Anoka County District Court  
File No. 02-CV-22-281

Considered and decided by Worke, Presiding Judge; Johnson, Judge; and Smith, Tracy M., Judge.

**BASED ON THE FILE, RECORD, AND PROCEEDINGS, AND BECAUSE:**

1. Appellant Paul Devereaux challenges the district court's decision to grant respondent Medtronic USA Inc.'s motion for summary judgment.
2. Minnesota Rule of Civil Procedure 56.01 provides that "[t]he [district] court shall state on the record or in a written decision the reasons for granting or denying" a summary judgment motion.
3. Here, contrary to rule 56.01, the district court did not state any reasons for granting summary judgment. Because compliance with rule 56.01 is necessary to facilitate

effective appellate review, we reverse and remand.<sup>1</sup> We express no opinion as to whether summary judgment was appropriate.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The district court's order granting summary judgment is reversed and remanded.

2. Pursuant to Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 136.01, subd. 1(c), this order opinion is nonprecedential, except as law of the case, res judicata, or collateral estoppel.

Dated: May 15, 2025

**BY THE COURT**



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Judge Renee L. Worke

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<sup>1</sup> Because we reverse and remand on this issue, we do not reach the other issues Devereaux raised in this appeal.