

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.  
Court File No.

BEC-16-1417  
07-CR-16-3530

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**STEVEN JAY CLARK JR DOB: 04/11/1992**

15787 Upper Fjord Way #91  
Apple Valley, MN 55124

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Order of Detention

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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: Domestic Assault - By Strangulation**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2247.2

Maximum Sentence: 3 years and/or \$5,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/02/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16026550

Charge Description: Steven Jay Clark, Jr

On or about September 2, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Steven Jay Clark, Jr, did, assault a family or household member by strangulation.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Stalking - Intent to Injure**

Minnesota Statute: 609.749.2(1)

Maximum Sentence: 1 year and/or \$3,000

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/02/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16026550

Charge Description: Steven Jay Clark, Jr

On or about September 2, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Steven Jay Clark, Jr did, directly or indirectly, or through third parties, manifest a purpose or intent to injure the person, property or rights of another by the commission of an unlawful act.

### COUNT III

**Charge: Domestic Assault-Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(1)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days and/or \$1,000

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/02/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16026550

Charge Description: Steven Jay Clark, Jr

On or about September 2, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Steven Jay Clark, Jr did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death.

### COUNT IV

**Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(2)

Maximum Sentence: 90 days and/or \$1,000

Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/02/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16026550

Charge Description: Steven Jay Clark, Jr

On or about September 2, 2016, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Steven Jay Clark, Jr did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflict or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Officer Wood, a licensed peace officer in the State of Minnesota, currently employed by the Mankato Department of Public Safety, reports that on September 2, 2016, at approximately 9:33 p.m., she along with other officers responded to a neighborhood, in the City of Mankato, for reports of a disturbance.

Officers learned that the Complainant, identified as Steven Jay Clark Jr., informed police that he was being chased by three Black males with guns. However, officers were never able to locate those individuals. Officer Wood reports, however, after investigating, it became apparent that Clark had actually been involved in a domestic assault involving his girlfriend, identified as Victim1.

Victim1 told police that, before police arrived, she and Clark had been involved in a disagreement. Victim1 reported she and Clark have been dating since January of 2016, and that Victim1 knows that Clark has a temper. Victim1 reports Clark called her last night saying that he had been shot in Minneapolis. Victim1 reports she then went to Minneapolis to pick him up and brought him to Mankato.

Victim1 reports Clark was on her friend's phone and one of her ex-boyfriends texted her friend's phone looking for Victim1. Clark then became upset with Victim1.

Clark then got up; however, Victim1 wanted to try and talk about it. Victim1 reports her phone was on the bed, she grabbed it, but that Clark snatched it out of her hand. They then began to wrestle over the phone in her bedroom. Clark then slammed Victim1 into the wall. At that point, Victim1's roommate came in and said that her daughter was there and does not need to see this. Victim1 and Clark then went outside and once again she asked for her phone.

Victim1 reports Clark was walking all over the place and she was following him asking for her phone back. Victim1 reports her phone was later found in the bushes by the front steps of the residence.

Victim1 further reports that every time she would try to get her phone, Clark would choke her to the point of her legs 'falling' because she couldn't breathe; and then he would pull her back up. Victim1 reports Clark choked her with his hands and also his arm.

Victim1 reports she eventually told Clark to keep the phone and that she would just call the police. She then began walking up the stairs to her residence. Clark then grabbed her hair and pulled her back down. He then wanted to talk to her, and she agreed.

Victim1 reported he then began cursing at her and she walked away from him. Clark then told her to 'get the fuck back here' and he threw a chair at her. Victim1 reported the chair was nowhere near her when he threw it at her, but she was afraid he might get it again and hit her with it. Victim1 reports eventually her friend drove by and asked if she was okay. At that point, Clark took off running.

Officers were later able to locate Clark and took him into custody and transported him to the Blue Earth County 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**

Daniel Schisel  
Police Commander  
710 S Front St  
Mankato, MN 56001-3803  
Badge: 3135

Electronically Signed:  
09/06/2016 10:03 AM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Christopher Rovney  
401 Carver Road  
PO Box 3129  
Mankato, MN 56002  
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:  
09/06/2016 09:32 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 on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM before the above-named court at 401 Carver Rd, Mankato, MN 56002-0347 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 6, 2016.

**Judicial Officer**

Bradley C Walker  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/06/2016 10:37 AM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**STEVEN JAY CLARK Jr**

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: