

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

MAN-16-0786-02
07-CR-16-3887

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LASHANIQUE SHARLE GRIFFIN DOB: 07/11/1992

612 Tanager Path
Mankato, MN 56001

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: 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): 09/30/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16029530

Charge Description: Said Defendant, Lashanique Sharle Griffin, 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 II

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): 09/30/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16029530

Charge Description: Said Defendant, Lashanique Sharle Griffin, 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

Complainant is an Officer with the Mankato Police Department who believes the information set out below is true and accurate based on reports and information submitted to the Officer by Officer Courtney Walker and others identified herein.

On September 30, 2016, at approximately 2:37 p.m., Officer Walker of the Mankato Department of Public Safety was dispatched to a residence in Mankato, Blue Earth County, on the report of an assault. The complainant, Witness 1, stated that her daughter, Victim 1, had been assaulted by her granddaughter, Lashanige Sharle Griffin, D.O.B. 7-11-1992. Witness 1 stated that Griffin had left the residence with two other females in a white Ford Focus. Officer Walker, while in route, was notified that a Blue Earth County Deputy had located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. Officer Kaiser then went to meet the deputy to make contact with the three females in the vehicle.

Officer Walker responded to the scene of the assault and spoke with Victim 1. When Officer Walker made contact with Victim 1, he immediately observed a small cut on her upper left lip that had a small amount of blood seeping from it. He observed that her left jaw appeared to be swollen and started to bruise. Officer Walker also observed that Victim 1's hair was a mess, as if someone had tried to pull out her hair. Officer Walker observed that there was a hair piece on the kitchen table that appeared to have been pulled apart. Victim 1 was also crying heavily as tears were streaming down her face. Officer Walker observed that the residence was in disarray with a broken table behind the couch that faced the window. The lamp appeared to be broken against the south wall, and a plant against the south wall had two broken leaves. Officer Walker observed that there was another table that appeared to have been broken as well.

Once Officer Walker was able to get Victim 1 calmed down, Victim 1 explained that she, Griffin, Keitione Va Shon La Sha Smith, D.O.B. 12-26-1995, and Shameka Rashaun Simpson, D.O.B. 10-24-1993, had all been living together for three months. Victim 1 stated that Griffin and Simpson were her daughters and that Smith was Griffin's girlfriend. Victim 1 stated that Griffin and Simpson had taken her EBT card and used it to buy food, along with other items.

Victim 1 stated that she just received more money on her EBT card, and Griffin and Simpson had again taken her card to put money down on an apartment for Victim 1 in St. James. Victim 1 stated that they then brought the card back to her and said that everything was ready for Victim 1 to move in on Monday. Victim 1 stated that Griffin, Smith, and Simpson then left the residence.

Victim 1 stated that moments later, Griffin returned to the residence, along with Smith and Simpson. Victim 1 stated that at that time, Griffin asked her something about her cell phone bill. Victim 1 told Griffin that she already gave Griffin the EBT card. Victim 1 stated that Griffin then charged at her, grabbed her by her hair, and pulled it out of her head. Griffin then slammed Victim 1 against the south wall of the apartment, which caused a small table to break along with the plant. Victim 1 stated she was then able to gain her balance and push Griffin onto the couch that faces south and pinned Griffin down in an attempt to calm her down.

Victim 1 stated, at that point, Smith and Simpson both joined in. Victim 1 stated that one of them jumped onto her back and punched her in the jaw. Victim 1 stated that someone then scratched her face and tried to choke her. Victim 1 stated she was able to fend off Griffin and Smith, but they fell on the second table that broke. Victim 1 stated she was then struck again in the face/jaw area. Victim 1 stated that Witness 1 then yelled that she was calling the police. Victim 1 stated that Griffin, Smith, and Simpson then left the residence in a hurry and drove away. Victim 1 stated that she was scared the three females would come back to hurt her. Victim 1 stated she was afraid and had never been scared like that before. Victim 1 stated that her daughter, Griffin, had a very bad temper and was angry most of the time.

Officer Walker then spoke to Witness 1, who stated she was unsure as to what the argument was about but that Victim 1 and Griffin began to argue. Witness 1 stated that Griffin then attacked Victim 1, ripping out Victim 1's hair; and that resulted in broken tables and plants inside of her residence. Witness 1 stated that she then yelled that she had called the police, which caused Griffin, Smith, and Simpson to quickly leave the residence.

Officer Walker then spoke to Witness 2, who was Victim 1's other daughter. Witness 2 appeared to be shaken up over the incident as she was trying to fight back tears. Witness 2 stated that Griffin attacked her mother, Victim 1. Witness 2 stated it happened so fast that she was not overly sure how it took place. Witness 2 stated that Victim 1 was attacked by Griffin, who ripped off Victim 1's hair. Witness 2 stated that Smith and Simpson then joined in, and the tables were broken during the assault.

Griffin, Smith, and Simpson were in the vehicle stopped by the Blue Earth County deputy and were taken into custody for questioning. While Simpson was being questioned, Officer Walker searched her purse incident to arrest and located a pink and white glass pipe commonly used for smoking marijuana. Officer Walker detected the odor of burnt marijuana coming from the pipe along with burnt marijuana residue inside the bowl of the pipe. Officer Walker then located a yellow one-hitter in the bottom of her purse which is commonly used to smoke marijuana.

Officer Kaiser spoke to Simpson. Officer Kaiser read Simpson her Miranda warning, and Simpson agreed to speak to Officer Kaiser. Simpson stated that she, Griffin, and Smith went to her grandmother's, Witness 1's residence to give Victim 1 her card back. Simpson stated that while at the house, Griffin was asking Victim 1 for her phone. Victim 1 told Griffin that Victim 1 had lost the phone. Griffin then went to grab a tablet that was located on the couch. Simpson stated that, at that time, Victim 1 pushed Griffin back away from the tablet; and then Griffin pushed Victim 1. Simpson stated that she then got in between Victim 1 and Griffin to try to break up the fight. Simpson stated that they ended up on the couch with Griffin on the bottom, Simpson on top of Griffin, and Victim 1 on top of Simpson. Simpson stated that Smith then attempted to get Victim 1 off of Griffin and Simpson. Simpson stated that Victim 1 then grabbed Smith by the hair. Simpson stated it all happened so fast, and all she was trying to do was stop them from fighting. Simpson displayed a slight bite mark on her right forearm.

Officer Kaiser then spoke to Smith and read her the Miranda warning. Smith agreed to speak to Officer Kaiser. Smith stated that Victim 1 was upset with Smith and Griffin because they were no longer allowing Victim 1 to live with them. Smith stated they went to the apartment today to return Victim 1's card. Smith stated there was an agreement for Griffin to have the card. Smith advised that Griffin and Victim 1 then exchanged some words. Smith stated they then left the apartment, and Griffin realized she forgot to ask Victim 1 for her phone that she let Victim 1 use. Smith stated they then returned to the apartment to ask Victim 1 for the phone. Smith stated that Victim 1 stated that she lost the phone and did not have it. Smith stated that when they asked about the phone, Victim 1 became upset.

Smith stated that Griffin then went to grab a tablet that belonged to Simpson. Smith stated that Griffin went to grab the tablet that was located on the table, and Victim 1 then pushed Griffin with both hands into the table, which was broken when officers arrived.

Smith stated that everything happened so quickly, and Simpson stepped in between and was attempting to break up the fight. Smith stated that Griffin was on the couch, and Simpson was on top of Griffin, holding her down, trying to stop her from hitting Victim 1. Smith stated that Victim 1 was on top of Simpson and Griffin, beating both of them in the head. Smith stated she was trying to break them apart and was trying to pull Victim 1 off of them. Smith stated that Griffin was attempting to throw punches back at Victim 1 while Victim 1 was hitting Griffin. Smith stated she was telling Simpson and Griffin that they should leave

because they weren't going to solve anything now anyway.

Smith stated that Victim 1 had hit her on the face and caused her contact to fall out. Smith stated that Victim 1 also grabbed Smith's hair. Smith stated it was possible that someone could have thought Smith hit someone, but Smith was adamant she never hit anyone. Smith stated it was possible, at some point, that her rings may have scratched Victim 1. Officer Kaiser did not observe any injuries on Smith. Smith stated she did not receive any injuries.

Officer Kaiser then spoke to Griffin, who was read her Miranda rights and agreed to speak to Officer Kaiser. Griffin stated that she went to the residence to return some of Victim 1's property and get some of her property that Victim 1 had. Griffin stated that Victim 1 and she were arguing, and Victim 1 was upset. Griffin was upset because Victim 1 was not returning Griffin's property after everything Griffin had done for her. Griffin asked Victim 1 to return the cell phone, and Victim 1 did not return it. Griffin stated that she then reached for the tablet that was sitting on the edge of the couch. Griffin stated that Victim 1 then grabbed Griffin's right arm and left shoulder, stopping Griffin from grabbing the tablet. Griffin stated she then twisted and shrugged her shoulder to push Victim 1 off her, causing Victim 1 to fall into the table, breaking the table.

Griffin stated that Victim 1 then got up and started hitting Griffin in the head. Griffin stated that, at that point, they were on a couch, and Griffin was trying to push Victim 1 off of her. Griffin stated that Simpson pushed Victim 1 back off of Griffin while Smith was pulling on Victim 1's arm to get Victim 1 off Griffin. Griffin stated that once Victim 1 was off of her, Victim 1 got Smith in a headlock; and they were now on the couch. Griffin stated that she was then pulling on Victim 1, trying to get her off Smith. Griffin stated that once they got Victim 1 off of Smith, Smith stated, "We need to leave. You (referring to Griffin) are better than this." Griffin stated that they then left the residence.

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

Justin Neumann
Sergeant
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3110

Electronically Signed:
10/03/2016 11:48 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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PO Box 3129
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Electronically Signed:
10/03/2016 11:13 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.

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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: October 3, 2016.

Judicial Officer Krista J Jass
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 10/03/2016 12:02 PM

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.

LASHANIQUE SHARLE GRIFFIN

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: