

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-15-1621
07-CR-15-4755

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM VANN DOB: 05/17/1969

725 S. Front Street #2
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 - By Strangulation

Minnesota Statute: 609.2247.2

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/19/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15036464

Charge Description: William Vann

On or about November 19, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, William Vann, did, assault a family or household member by strangulation.

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): 11/19/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15036464

Charge Description: William Vann

On or about November 19, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, William Vann did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflicted or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another.

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): 11/19/2015

Control #(ICR#): 15036464

Charge Description: William Vann

On or about November 19, 2015, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, William Vann 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.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On November 19, 2015, at 2:57 a.m., Officers Best and Waterstreet, both of the Mankato Department of Public Safety, responded to 725 South Front Street for a report of a domestic disturbance. In route to the call, dispatch informed officers that they could hear a male yelling in the background and that Adult 1 appeared to be whispering in the phone, perhaps so that he, defendant Vann, did not know she was calling police.

After knocking and entering the residence, Officer Best explained his presence to William Vann, the defendant herein. Vann briefly told him that he had been arguing with Adult 1 but "didn't put his hands on her." Officer Best then noticed Adult 1 standing in the kitchen. She was holding onto her neck with her hands as if she was in pain. She was wearing a thigh-length bathroom that appeared to have the shoulder area pulled back, giving her a disheveled appearance. Officer Waterstreet arrived next and met with Vann while Officer Best met with Adult 1.

Adult 1 stated to Officer Best that she and Vann had been involved in an argument and Vann choked her. According to Adult 1, she and Vann are boyfriend and girlfriend and have lived together for approximately six months. Adult 1 helps take care of Vann's children so that he can work. According to Adult 1, Vann has been physically abusive with her in the past; but she has not called 911 because she was afraid that she would be hurt in a worse way. Adult 1 showed Officer Best a large hole in the sheetrock wall of their bedroom, which she states was caused by her head hitting the wall after Vann shoved her against the wall in a previous argument, which had occurred several days earlier.

In regard to tonight's incident, Adult 1 stated that Vann grabbed her by the neck with one of his hands and that he had done this two times. On the second time, he "squeezed and started to choke her, causing her to go dizzy." Adult 1 had faint reddish-colored marks on her throat that were visible on both the left and right side of her Adam's apple. The redness appeared to end just below her left and right ears. Adult 1 claims the marks were caused by Vann when he choked her. The marks were visible to Officer Best but not distinct enough to be photographed.

Adult 1 completed a handwritten statement in which she further described the assault. Adult 1 wrote in her statement, "He was drinking and decided to go crazy on me, smacking me, pushing me, choking me, and cussing at me. Then when he choked me the second time, he cut off my windpipes. Got dizzy, then called you guys. I called the 911 police because I got very afraid of William Vann. He totally went crazy on me. I'm afraid of him."

Officer Waterstreet met with Vann, who stated that he had begun working at Corporate Graphics a few days ago, and since starting work Adult 1 has sent him over a hundred messages, calling him names. Vann stated today he told Adult 1 to move out, and that their relationship was done. He agreed that they argued, but denied assaulting Adult 1.

There were two minor children in the residence. Both were sleeping, and both parties indicated the children had not been witnesses to the assault. Based on the information provided by Adult 1, Vann was placed under arrest and transported 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

Craig Frericks
Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3102

Electronically Signed:
11/20/2015 02:37 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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

Electronically Signed:
11/20/2015 02:30 PM

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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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: November 20, 2015.

Judicial Officer

Greg Anderson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/20/2015 02:43 PM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

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WILLIAM VANN

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: