

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

BEC-20-1299
07-CR-20-3385

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TRISTIN LEA BECKENDORF DOB: 12/20/1980

416 Torrey Pines Dr.
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: Endanger Child-Situation Could Cause Harm or Death-G

Minnesota Statute: 609.378.1(b)(1)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/14/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20024681

Charge Description: Tristin Lea Beckendorf

On or about October 14, 2020, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Tristin Lea Beckendorf did as a parent, legal guardian, or caretaker, intentionally caused or permitted a child to be placed in a situation likely to substantially harm the child's physical, mental, or emotional health or cause the child's death.

COUNT II

Charge: Endanger Child-Situation Could Cause Harm or Death-G

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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): 10/14/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20024681

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On or about October 14, 2020, in the County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Tristin Lea Beckendorf 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-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

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COUNT VI

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): 10/14/2020

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COUNT VII

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): 10/14/2020

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COUNT VIII

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): 10/14/2020

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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Officer Gagnon, a licensed peace officer in the State of Minnesota, currently employed by the Mankato Department of Public Safety, reports that on October 14, 2020, at approximately 11:44 p.m., officers responded to a residence located in the City of Mankato for a reported domestic.

Officers learned that the Complainant stated that his parents were fighting inside the residence.

Officers arrived and made contact with Tristin Beckendorf and her husband, identified as Victim 1.

Officer Gagnon notes that Victim 2, age 15, appeared to be emotional, frightened, physically shaking, and actively crying. After stepping into the residence, Gagnon met the other children of Tristin Beckendorf and Victim 1.

While speaking with the children, the children reported that their parents argue and fight often, usually when they have been drinking.

That evening when Victim 1 returned from Kwik Trip to get snacks, Victim 1 saw Tristin Beckendorf's phone on the island located in the kitchen. He picked it up and read a message from another man on her phone.

Tristin Beckendorf then became very upset and became aggressive towards Victim 1 in an effort to get the phone back. Victim 1 returned the phone after a few minutes of verbally arguing.

Victim 1 then entered his bedroom. A short time later, Victim 1 exited the bedroom with Tristin Beckendorf's phone. Once again, Tristin Beckendorf was very agitated and aggressive.

Gagnon learned that Tristin Beckendorf began chasing Victim 1 throughout the main level of the house yelling and screaming at him to return her phone. Tristin Beckendorf then threw a metal stool from the kitchen at Victim 1.

Tristin Beckendorf also was reportedly actively pushing, striking, and biting Victim 1. Eventually, victim 1 retreated into Victim 2's bedroom.

Tristin Beckendorf then entered the room and began throwing furniture and other items at Victim 1 while in Victim 2's bedroom. Victim 1 attempted to push Tristin Beckendorf away in an effort to stop her from hitting him. He then exited the bedroom and went back into the kitchen.

At that time, Victim 2 attempted to stop her mother and calm her down.

In response, Tristin Beckendorf pushed Victim 2 causing her to push against the wall.

Victim 3 (10 years old) also attempted to intervene, at which time, Tristin Beckendorf pushed Victim 3 to the ground. Victim 3 fell to the kitchen floor adjacent to a small desk.

Gagnon notes while speaking with Victim 3, Victim 3 was holding and icing her shoulder when he spoke with her.

Victim 3 also stated she hurt her shoulder when her mother, Tristin Beckendorf, pushed her to the ground.

Additionally, Gagnon learned that Tristin Beckendorf continued to chase Victim 1 around the kitchen with

the children present.

Tristin Beckendorf ripped Victim 1's shirt off of him. Tristin Beckendorf then pulled and removed Victim 1's shorts off of him in the presence of their children.

At that point, Victim 1 told the children to contact the police.

Eventually, Tristin Beckendorf was taken into custody 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:
10/15/2020 03:52 PM
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:
10/15/2020 02:51 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 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: October 15, 2020.

Judicial Officer

Bradley C Walker
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/15/2020 03:58 PM

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

**COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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Plaintiff

vs.

TRISTIN LEA BECKENDORF

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: