

State of Minnesota
County of Dakota

District Court
1st Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

CA-2024-01347
19HA-CR-24-1283

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

AARON MATTHEW MENSING DOB: 08/02/1996

8983 Springwood Dr
Woodbury, MN 55125

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: Harassment (Engages in Stalking)

Minnesota Statute: 609.749.5(a)

Maximum Sentence: 0-10 Years and/or \$6,000.00 - \$20,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/07/2024 to 06/27/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24002399

Charge Description: On or about March 7, 2024 - June 27, 2024, in the County of Dakota, Minnesota, AARON MATTHEW MENSING, did engage in stalking with respect to a single victim or one or more members of a single household which the actor knows or has reason to know would cause the victim under the circumstances to feel terrorized or to fear bodily harm and which does cause this reaction on the part of the victim.

On March 7, 2024, officers were dispatched to a residence in the City of Woodbury, County of Washington, State of Minnesota. Officers learned through a third party that Victim, an adult female fully identified in the police reports, had texted her photographs of injuries on her body. Victim told her mother that she had been “choked” and beaten by her boyfriend. Pictures of injuries corroborated these statements.

Officers arrived at the residence and Aaron Matthew Mensing, d.o.b. 8/2/1996, defendant herein, answered the door. Officers observed Victim further inside the residence. Defendant directed Victim to move away from the door and law enforcement. Defendant initially told officers they could not speak with Victim. Officers eventually spoke with Victim. Victim provided non-sensical explanations for her injuries and stated defendant pushed her onto a bed. Victim and defendant were both highly intoxicated.

Defendant was charged with Misdemeanor Domestic Assault and Furnishing Liquor to a Minor (under 21) in Washington County Court File 82-CR-24-896. A Domestic Abuse No Contact Order (DANCO) was issued at the first appearance on March 8, 2024, prohibiting defendant from having any contact with Victim. Defendant was served with a copy of the DANCO.

On May 19, 2024, officers were dispatched to a 911 hang up call in the City of Eagan, County of Dakota, State of Minnesota. Dispatch advised they could hear a female crying and stating, “Go the f*ck home.” Another individual in the background stated, “Don’t you have a restraining order?” and “I think you should leave.” Victim and a third party advised that defendant appeared “out of nowhere” and stated that he was going to assault the third-party. Victim had no idea how defendant had found her, stating she did not tell him her location and had not been in communication with him. Officers made contact with defendant via phone. Defendant eventually admitted to being at the lake, but denied having contact with Victim. He was located at his residence and placed under arrest.

A lethality assessment was completed. Victim stated she was very fearful of defendant and believed he may kill her someday.

Defendant was charged with Misdemeanor Violation of a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order in Dakota County Court File 19WS-CR-24-4591.

On May 24, 2024, defendant appeared for a conditional release violation hearing in the Washington County matter. The DANCO was cancelled.

On June 27, 2024, officers were dispatched to welfare check in the City of Lakeville, County of Dakota, State of Minnesota. Victim's mother reported that defendant was keeping Victim inside his vehicle against her will. Victim's mother was tracking Victim's location via a cell phone tracking application. Officers received information that defendant was likely in possession of a firearm. Officers located the vehicle in the parking lot of a nearby country club. Officers located defendant's vehicle and it was unoccupied. Victim approached officers and stated defendant had gone inside to use the restroom. Victim stated that she believed there was likely a gun in the vehicle. Officers searched the vehicle and did not locate a firearm. The country club and the surrounding area was searched with the help of SWAT teams. Defendant was not located. A shelter in place directive was issued for the surrounding neighborhoods.

Officers obtained a statement from Victim. Victim was shaking and visibly frightened. Victim identified defendant as her ex-boyfriend. Victim has stayed in contact with defendant in attempt to get property back from defendant's possession. Defendant picked her up at her residence stating he needed to talk and would bring her property back. Upon getting into the vehicle, defendant told her she was going to tell her new boyfriend that she "belonged to defendant." Victim confirmed there was an interaction between defendant and her boyfriend earlier in the day. Defendant drove to a residence in a nearby city. Defendant refused to bring Victim home. Victim stepped away and Facetimed her mother and told her to call police. Defendant drove away with Victim. Victim felt as if she could not leave given the history of domestic violence, including strangulation. Defendant also had Victim's purse. When Victim asked why she was not allowed to leave, defendant told her that she had "more serious things to worry about." Victim confirmed she remained scared of defendant.

Officers received an additional call from the mother of a male third party. Officers interviewed the male third party who stated that at 8:00 a.m. that morning, Victim informed him that she would be arriving at his residence in 20 minutes. Victim and the male third party are in a romantic relationship. Victim and defendant arrived at the residence. The defendant made references to having a firearm in the car.

Shortly thereafter, officers received a call that a neighbor had located defendant. Defendant was

placed under arrest. A firearm was not located. In a *Mirandized* statement, defendant stated that he went to the country club to use the restroom and fled when he saw others running. Defendant claimed that earlier in the day, he had Victim go to her new boyfriend's residence so he could hear them discuss the status of their relationship.

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

Kelli Coughlin
Detective
9237 183rd Street W
Lakeville, MN 55044
Badge: 4812

Electronically Signed:
06/28/2024 02:02 PM
Dakota County, 14717

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Caitlyn M. Prokopowicz
1560 Hwy 55
Hastings, MN 55033-2392
(651) 438-4438

Electronically Signed:
06/28/2024 02:01 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 as directed in the Notice of Hearing before the above-named court 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: June 28, 2024.

Judicial Officer

Dannia Edwards
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/28/2024 02:27 PM

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

**COUNTY OF DAKOTA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Aaron Matthew Mensing

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: