

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114167
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4284

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LARRY JIM AUGUST FENNERT JR DOB: 12/19/1983

209 7th Avenue Nw
Waseca, MN 56093

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

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: Criminal Sex Cond-4th Degree-Victim 13-15-Act >48m Old

Minnesota Statute: 609.345.1(b), with reference to: 609.345.2

Maximum Sentence: 10 years or \$20,000 or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/01/2017 to 04/30/2018

Control #(ICR#): 26002455

Charge Description: On or between November 1, 2017 and April 30, 2018, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Larry Jim August Jr Fennert did engage in sexual contact with another person when the complainant is at least 13 years of age but less than 16 years of age and the actor is more than 48 months older than the complainant or in a current or recent position of authority over the complainant.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On February 6, 2026, Deputy Lund was dispatched to a report of a past-occurred sexual assault within Blue Earth County. Deputy Lund contacted the complainant, Victim 1, who stated that she has recently started therapy and that has caused her to remember a past-occurred sexual assault. Victim 1, now 22 years old, stated that she was sexually assaulted when she was 14 years old by her father's friend, Larry Jim August Fennert Jr. (DOB: 12/19/1983), who was 34 years old at the time of the assault.

Victim 1 stated that, at that time, she lived at a residence in rural Mankato with her parents, Witness 1 and Witness 2. Her father, Witness 1, was friends with Fennert's brother, Witness 3. As part of that friendship, Fennert would show up at Victim 1's residence a lot and sometimes stay the night.

Victim 1 spoke with Witness 4 during a forensic interview. Victim 1 told Witness 4 that the first incident she remembered was when she was a freshman in high school, 14 years of age. Victim 1 stated that in November or December of 2017, Fennert had been drinking and called Witness 1 for a ride. Fennert ended up staying the night at Victim 1's residence for several nights.

The first night Fennert stayed the night at Victim 1's residence, Fennert was drinking and played games with Victim 1, Witness 1, and Witness 2. Victim 1 stated that Witness 1 and Witness 2 went to bed and Victim 1 and Fennert were on the couch in the main living room area. Victim 1 stated that she fell asleep on the couch with Fennert sitting next to her. Victim 1 said that she woke up to Fennert kissing and making out with her.

Victim 1 stated that when she woke up to it she let it go on more than she should have and Fennert put his hand on her inner thigh and started moving it up toward her genitals. Victim 1 told Witness 4 that she then pushed him away from her and Fennert stopped. Victim 1 said that while Fennert was doing this he was telling her how she was pretty and had nice breasts.

Victim 1 told Witness 4 that approximately one week after this first incident, Fennert added Victim 1 on Snapchat. Victim 1 stated that Fennert knew she was in high school at the time and at one point even asked why she wasn't in school or on the school bus. Victim 1 said Fennert also sent very flirty snapchat messages and would tell Victim 1 that he loves her.

Victim 1 also described an incident in February of 2018 where Fennert picked her up at school around Valentine's Day. Victim 1 stated that Fennert brought her flowers and chocolate. Victim 1 stated that they went to a gas station in Mankato and then Fennert brought her back to school. After they got back to school, Victim 1 was seated in the passenger seat of Fennert's vehicle and Fennert began kissing her.

Victim 1 discussed a third incident from March or April of 2018 with Witness 4; in this incident Victim 1 was at Witness 3's residence in Le Hillier, Minnesota, in Blue Earth County. Victim 1 was over at the residence with Witness 1 and Witness 2. Victim 1 stated that Witness 1, Witness 2, and Witness 3, were all drinking very heavily. During this incident, Fennert brought Victim 1 to Fennert's bedroom.

Victim 1 stated that after they were in Fennert's bedroom, Fennert shut the bedroom door. Victim 1 stated that Fennert then put his hand down her pants underneath her underwear. Fennert then touched Victim 1's vagina with his hand. Victim 1 stated that while Fennert was touching her vagina she heard Witness 1 and Witness 2 walking down the hallway and freaked out and separated from Fennert.

Detective Lindmeyer sought and was granted a search warrant for the Snapchat records. Detective Lindmeyer noted that in reviewing the messages he saw that Fennert would tell Victim 1 that he misses

and loves Victim 1, Fennert tells Victim 1 that she is beautiful, and tells her that he wishes he could hold her and kiss her. Fennert also messages Victim 1 about how he enjoyed when he kissed her and rubbed her leg. Detective Lindmeyer also noted a message where Fennert tells Victim 1 that he wishes they could have spent more time together at Witness 3's house, where the sexual contact occurred.

Victim 1 also said that Fennert sent her a message saying she had given him "morning wood" and sent a picture of his nude penis to her.

At the time of each incident Fennert was 33 or 34 years old and Victim 1 was 14 years old. Fennert was more than 48 months older than Victim 1.

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

Paul Barta
Captain
401 Carver Rd
Mankato, MN 56002-0228
Badge: 2721

Electronically Signed:
10/12/2026 12:05 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Benjamin R. Chapman
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
10/12/2026 11:51 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 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: October 12, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Bradley C Walker
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/12/2026 12:21 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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Defendant

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE

*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this
Summons upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: