

State of Minnesota  
County of Blue Earth

District Court  
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070111243  
Court File No. 07-CR-25-2869

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**ERIC RONARDO LONG DOB: 11/01/1977**

116 Swiss Street  
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 or \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/20/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25020682

Charge Description: On or about July 20, 2025 at 8:05 PM, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Eric Ronardo Long did assault a family or household member by strangulation.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk**

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/20/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25020682

Charge Description: On or about July 20, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Eric Ronardo Long, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Domestic Assault-GM-Subsequent Violation**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.2

Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 07/20/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25020682

Charge Description: On or about July 20, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Eric Ronardo Long, 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 and has a previous qualified domestic violence-related offense conviction or an adjudication of delinquency within ten years.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

In the evening on July 20, 2025, officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a residence in Blue Earth County following a call from a woman who screamed, "this n\*\*\*\* killing me!" before the call disconnected. Sergeant Kelly Wood was familiar with the caller's address and aware that Victim 1 lives there with Victim 1's long-term boyfriend, Eric Ronardo Long (DOB: 11/01/1977). Sergeant Wood and Officer Susa arrived to the residence simultaneously and immediately observed the front door was wide open and Victim 1 was standing in the living room, calling out, "thank you!" to the officers. Sergeant Wood noted Victim 1 was half naked, Victim 1's hair was disheveled, and Victim 1 was crying. It appeared to Sergeant Wood that Victim 1 was scared. Victim 1 told Sergeant Wood where Long was located in the residence.

Victim 1 told Officer Susa the following: Victim 1 and Long had been at a friend's house for a birthday party, but Long was drunk and tried to start fights with people there. Victim 1 decided Long and Victim 1 should leave to avoid any further confrontation. When Victim 1 and Long got home, Long could not find Long's phone charger in the usual spot. Victim 1 told Long that Long left it at the friend's house, Long wanted to go back to the friend's house, but Victim 1 told Long not to go, which upset Long. Long started yelling at Victim 1. Victim 1 asked Long if Long wanted to go on a walk to calm down because Long was still upset after Victim 1 called the friend to ask about Long's charger. In response, Long got in Victim 1's face in an aggressive manner and said Long did not want to be there anymore. Victim 1 said Long looked like Long was ready to fight. Victim 1 said Long then threw Victim 1 onto the bed and placed both of Long's hands around Victim 1's neck, choking Victim 1, hurting Victim 1, and restricting Victim 1's breathing. Victim 1 showed Officer Susa Victim 1's neck and Susa observed there appeared to be swelling on both sides of Victim 1's neck. Victim 1 also showed Susa a bruise on Victim 1's left leg which Victim 1 believed was from Long holding Victim 1 down. Victim 1 said Victim 1's neck was sore when Victim 1 allowed Officer Susa to touch it. Victim 1 said Victim 1 tried to get Long off Victim 1 by scratching Long in the face and chest. Victim 1 showed Officer Susa Victim 1's nails and there appeared to Susa to be skin underneath Victim 1's nails. Victim 1 said Long told Victim 1, "I'm gonna kill you, bitch." Victim 1 said Victim 1 became fearful Long was going to seriously injure or kill Victim 1 at that time. Victim 1 said Long had assaulted Victim 1 previously. Victim 1 said Victim 1 was able to get a hold of a fan nearby for defense and that is when Long let Victim 1 go.

Sergeant Wood contacted Long inside the residence and noted Long was shirtless and sweating profusely though it was cool in the room where Long was located, with a window propped open and a cool breeze blowing inside the residence. Wood noted Long showed several signs of impairment including slurred speech, odor of alcohol on Long's breath, swaying while standing, glazed and watery eyes, and making circular conversation. Wood made several observations of the condition of the room including a floor fan broken and disassembled on the ground with the front fan guard shattered into pieces, a large hole in the wall that aligned with the back of the bedroom door knob, a table lamp disassembled on the floor with the base and lampshade separated, a phone in the corner with a shattered screen, two necklaces on the floor, the mattress sitting crooked on the box spring, bedding and pillows strewn about, and dark, brownish stains on the bedding, potentially consistent with dried blood. It appeared to Wood that an altercation had taken place in the room. Wood asked Long for Long's explanation of what had happened that day. Long gave several conflicting statements and was flippant about the serious topics he and Wood discussed. In Wood's opinion, Long was being deceitful. During Wood's conversation with Long, Long tried to tidy up the room. Long told Wood Long and Victim 1 are in a romantic relationship and have been since Long was 17 and Victim 1 was 14. Though Long denied living at Victim 1's residence, Victim 1 said Long lived there, Victim 1's address is the one law enforcement has on file for Long, police have had numerous contacts with Long at that address, and Long has several possessions at that address, including clothing and family portraits. Wood noticed Long had a fresh scratch on Long's neck and a minor scratch on Long's right wrist.

Though both scratches were bleeding, Long told Wood he did not have a scratch on his neck and the scratch on his wrist had “been there for months and months and months.” Though Victim 1 was clearly in distress when police arrived, Long told Wood, “no, she’s happy.” Long suggested that Victim 1 was referring to sex with Long when Victim 1 told a 911 dispatcher, “this n\*\*\*\* killing me!”

Long gave a Mirandized statement to Officer Maxwell Strong that was different from what Long told Sergeant Wood. For example, Long told Officer Strong Long lives with Victim 1 and has been in a relationship with Victim 1 for just three years.

While Officer Susa administered a Domestic Violence Risk Assessment to Victim 1, Sergeant Wood noticed Victim 1’s hands were shaking and Victim 1 wept during the assessment.

This was the ninth time police have been called to Victim 1’s residence since July 2024 regarding a domestic violence-related report involving Long.

Long was convicted of Felonious Assault, a qualified domestic violence-related offense, in the State of Ohio on August 16, 2018.

## 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:  
07/22/2025 09:59 AM  
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Christopher K Lowe  
Assistant County Attorney  
401 Carver Road  
PO Box 3129  
Mankato, MN 56002  
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:  
07/22/2025 09:00 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: July 22, 2025.

**Judicial Officer** Krista J Jass  
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 07/22/2025 10:13 AM

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 Order of Detention upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: